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Unrest in Yemen

By ERIC SCHMITT
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WASHINGTON — Counter-terrorism operations in Yemen have ground to a halt, allowing al-Qaida's deadliest branch outside of Pakistan to operate more freely inside the country and to increase plotting for possible attacks against Europe and the United States, U.S. diplomats, intelligence analysts and counter-terrorism officials say.

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In Libya

Nato's command devastating for allied rebels

By D. D. KIRKPATRICK
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BREGA, Libya — A senior Libyan rebel leader sharply criticized NATO on Monday

for bureaucratic delays that he said were putting civilians' lives at risk and complicating rebel efforts to fight the Gadhafi forces on the ground.



A wounded rebel fighter arrives by ambulance at the hospital in Ajdabiya, Libya, on April 4, 2011. Rebel fighters traded fire with forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi in the strategic oil town of Brega before a loyalist artillery barrage sent the rebels into a hasty retreat back to Ajdabiya at day's end.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

The official, Ali al-Essawi, the foreign policy director of the National Transitional Council, made his remarks as the rebels' disorganized and quixotic fight again stalled under fire in the eastern oil town of Brega, where loyalist forces have fought off repeated rebel attacks, and as more people were reported to have been killed in the siege at the beleaguered city of Misrata. In Brega, after forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi ceded their presence in a residential quarter of the town, a rebel attack in the evening against loyalists at a university campus and oil infrastructure was met by ferocious heavy machine gun fire and an artillery or mortar barrage. The loyalists' firepower, coordinated and accurate, killed at least several rebel fighters

and wounded many more, and sent others scrambling north in retreat.

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AL-QAIDA

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In the political tumult surrounding Yemen's embattled president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, many Yemeni troops have abandoned their posts or have been summoned to the capital, Sanaa, to help support the tottering government, the officials said. Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the group's affiliate, has stepped in to fill this power vacuum, and Yemeni security forces have come under increased attacks in recent weeks.

A small but steadily growing stream of al-Qaida fighters and lower-level commanders from other regions, including Pakistan, are making their way to Yemen to join the fight there, although U.S. intelligence officials are divided on whether the political crisis in Yemen is drawing more insurgents than would be traveling there under normal conditions.

Taken together, these developments have raised increasing alarm in the Obama administration, which is in the delicate position of trying to ease Saleh out of power but in a way to ensure that counterterrorism operations in Yemen will continue unimpeded. These developments may also help explain why the United States has become less willing to support Saleh, a close ally, given that his value in fighting terrorism has been diminished since demonstrations swept his country.

Some experts on Yemen who have observed Saleh's long domination through political shrewdness speculated that he might be deliberately withdrawing his forces from pursuing al-Qaida to worsen the sense of crisis and force the Americans to back him, rather than push him toward the exits.

But a senior U.S. military officer with access to classified intelligence reports discounted those doubts Monday: "This is a reflection of the turmoil in the country, not some political decision to stop."

Saleh's son and three nephews are in charge of four of Yemen's main security and counterterrorism agencies, including the Republican Guard and the Central Security Forces, which are trained and equipped by the United States. If they were forced to step down as part of any deal to remove Saleh, U.S. officials acknowledge that the country's counterterrorism efforts would be left in the hands of untested lieutenants.

"We have had a lot of counterterrorism cooperation from President Saleh and Yemeni security services," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said March 27 on ABC's "This Week." "So if that government collapses or is replaced by one that is dramatically more weak, then I think we'll face some additional challenges out of Yemen. There's no question about it. It's a real problem." Perhaps most worrisome, U.S. intelligence officials have collected information from informants and electronic intercepts that al-Qaida's branch in Yemen has increased planning discussions about another attack. □



Rebels maintain an observation position on top of a dune outside Brega, Libya, on April 4, 2011. Rebel fighters traded fire with forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi in the strategic oil town before a loyalist artillery barrage sent the rebels into a hasty retreat back to Ajdabiya at day's end.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

LYBIA

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Throughout the day, no air power was visible overhead. A Pentagon spokesman, Capt. Darryn James, said that American air power had played a smaller role in the war since Sunday, and with command-and-control of the air campaign officially shifted to NATO, by midnight Monday in Washington the United States had no strike sorties planned.

American aircraft, James said, would now be on a so-called "standby mode" and would fly only when requested by NATO and approved by the Pentagon. The withdrawal of American assets means, among other things, that the rebels will have less support from two classes of aircraft that made several successful attacks against the Gadhafi forces in eastern Libya — the AC-130 gunship and A-10 — than when the loyalist forces were turned back just short of Benghazi, the rebel capital, two weeks ago.

The quiet in the eastern skies Monday seemed to underscore Essawi's sentiment that the international military campaign, after initially turning back Gadhafi's army and militias as they swept eastern Libya, had lost momentum, leaving adrift the ground war, waged by rebels with virtually no military experience or

structure.

"There's a delay in reacting and lack of response to what's going on on the ground, and many civilians have died, and they couldn't react to protect them," Essawi said in Rome. Essawi said the problems began after NATO took charge of the air campaign from the U.S., Britain and France, and that he now foresaw a drawn-out battle.

"They took the command, they will make it long," he said at the Community of Sant'Egidio, a liberal Catholic group active in diplomacy. A sustained campaign could be especially hard on civilians in Misrata, a city in the west in which rebels have been battling the Gadhafi forces in a long siege. A resident of the

city, Mohamed, said by telephone that five people had been killed and 24 wounded in continued shelling Monday. His last name was withheld for his protection.

Any long-lasting campaign raises questions as well about the prospects for rebel success in the east, where a small, ill-trained rebel column had been stalled for days along the two-lane highway to Brega.

Early Monday, the forces loyal to Gadhafi, who had been patrolling one of the town's residential areas, known as New Brega, slipped away, allowing rebel forces to advance. The rebels who were strung north along the highway urged anyone with a car or pickup truck to rush into the neighborhood and retrieve civilians. □



A rebel fighter mounted on horseback speaks with others at a checkpoint in Brega, Libya, on April 4, 2011. Rebel fighters traded fire with forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi in the strategic oil town before a loyalist artillery barrage sent the rebels into a hasty retreat back to Ajdabiya at day's end.

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Obama opens 2012 campaign with echoes of 2008

By Marc Ambinder
Associated Press

President Obama opens his re-election campaign on Monday with a familiar cast of consultants; an economy that's improving, sluggishly; wars that he is struggling to extract himself from; and an implacable partisan fight in Congress that might shut down the government by week's end.

The Obama campaign made the announcement in an e-mail to supporters, accompanied by a video. Obama will hold several conference calls on Monday with donors and



President Barack Obama opened his quest for a second White House term, calling on supporters to rebuild his grass roots powerbase and gird for a fight to protect his crusade of change

supporters and will begin to raise money for his campaign late next week.

"We're doing this now because the politics we believe in does not start with expensive TV ads or extravaganzas, but with you with people organizing block-by-block, talking to neighbors, co-workers, and friends. And that kind of campaign takes time to build," Obama wrote in the e-mail.

"So even though I'm focused on the job you elected me to do, and the race may not reach full speed for a year or more, the work of laying the foundation for our campaign must start today. We've always known that lasting change wouldn't come

quickly or easily. It never does." The Republican National Committee responded quickly, blasting Obama's leadership in an e-mail entitled "Back Seat Presidency."

The trappings of the campaign, and even the soothing earth-blue colors of the website, are reminiscent of 2008. The slogans are modified but have the ring of an old song "Change That Matters," "Progress," "Moving America Forward." But the challenges he faces could not be more different. For one thing, his signature domestic accomplishment, the largest expansion of health insurance ever, remains a flash point, and its future is uncertain. □

U.S. oil-spill panel

Focus is on blowout preventer



The Transocean Discoverer Enterprise drillship burns off gas collected at the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in June 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana. Transocean Ltd. has given its executives pay raises, bonuses and stock options after the company's "best year" for safety, despite a deadly oil platform explosion and massive leak in the Gulf of Mexico

By Kathy Finn
Associated Press

METAIRIE, Louisiana — An off-center drilling pipe in BP's doomed Macondo well disabled a blowout-preventer and prevented the fail-safe device from operating, a technical expert told a U.S. government panel on Monday.

A U.S. commission is probing the April 20, 2010 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers, spewed more than 4 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and spurred a federal moratorium on new deepwater oil drilling. This week's hearings before

a Coast Guard-Interior Department panel convened in a New Orleans suburb focus on the blowout preventer, a 450-ton series of valves and hydraulic rams designed to clamp down automatically on deep-sea wells in a blowout.

At the hearing, a lawyer for Cameron International, which manufactured the blowout preventer that sat on the seafloor over the Macondo well, criticized a recent technical study by Norwegian-based Det Norske Veritas (DNV).

That technical review, conducted at the behest of the government, found that cutting devices in the preventer known as blind shear rams could not sever the drilling pipe and staunch the flow.

The mile-deep well gushed into the Gulf for 87 straight days in the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. □

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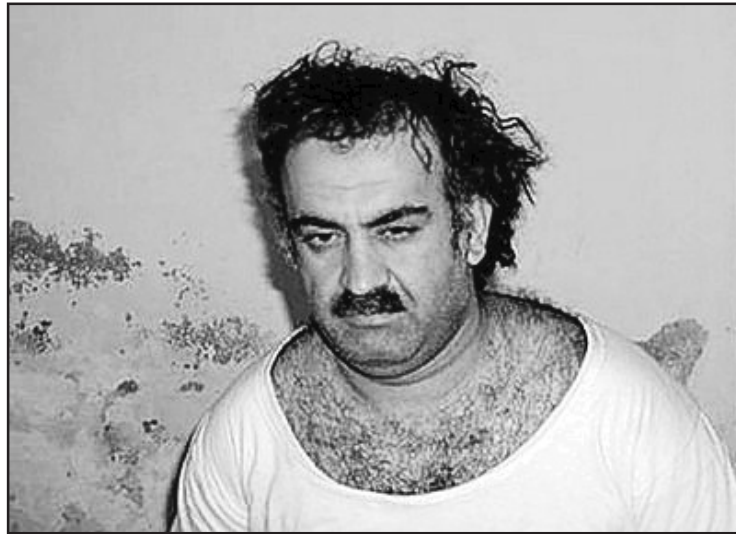
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9/11 suspects to face military tribunal

By PETE YOST
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Yielding to political opposition, the Obama administration has decided to refer avowed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four alleged henchmen to the system of military commissions for trial rather than to a civilian federal court in New York, a federal law enforcement official said Monday.

After months of delay, the administration finally backed off Attorney General Eric Holder's November 2009 announcement that the five would be tried in a courthouse just blocks from the World Trade Center site in downtown Manhattan that was at-



This photo obtained in 2003 shows Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. The United States has decided to try 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed by a military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay rather than in the United States, a US official said.

tacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

That announcement created intense political opposition

among Republicans and ultimately even among some Democrats, particularly in New York.

The official said it will be up to the U.S. military to decide

whether the island prison at Guantanamo Bay, where the five are held, will be the site for trial or whether the five will be tried together or separately.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity about the switch, which Holder was expected to announce at an afternoon news conference.

At the White House, press secretary Jay Carney referred questions about the decision to the Justice Department, where Holder was scheduled to make an announcement after Carney's daily briefing. But at one point during the questioning, Carney answered "yes," when asked whether Obama agreed with Holder's decision.

Republicans wasted no time Monday in criticizing the delay.

"It's unfortunate that it took the Obama administration more than two years to figure out what the majority of Americans already know: that 9/11 conspirator Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is not a common criminal, he's a war criminal," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith of Texas.

Republican critics have roundly assailed the administration, first for the decision in late 2009 to try the men in New York City, then for a long delay in making a decision on whether to have them face military commission justice instead.

One key senator, Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in November he believed he had the votes in the Senate to block Mohammed from a civilian court. □



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At National Gallery

Woman attacks famed painting

By Brett Michael Dykes
 Associated Press

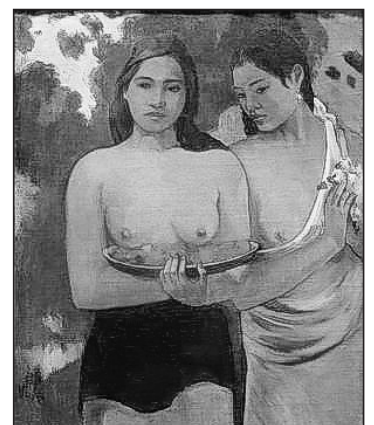
WASHINGTON--Screaming "this is evil" as she attacked it with her fists, a woman visiting the National Gallery in Washington set upon a painting by famed French impressionist Paul Gauguin last week.

"She was really pounding it with her fists," a bystander told the Washington Post. "It was like this weird surreal scene that one doesn't expect at the National Gallery."

A male gallery patron eventually restrained the yet-to-be-named woman before she was able to do damage to the

work, which was covered by a protective piece of plastic.

The 1899 work (shown at right) is titled "Two Tahitian Women." According to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the French-born artist, who spent time in Tahiti in the early 1890s, was quite taken by "the beauty and serene virtues of the native women." The impressionist also abandoned his wife and family in France to live among the Tahitians a move that he claimed was central to reviving his career, but that has earned him no small amount of infamy, especially among feminist critics. The Met notes that Gauguin



Paul Gauguin Two Tahitian Woman

took an exoticized view of the typical Tahitian woman as "very subtle, very knowing in her naivete" but "still capable of walking around naked without shame." □



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At Alabama reactor

Nuclear regulators probe fault

By Matthew Bigg
Associated Press

ATLANTA— Tennessee Valley Authority officials met nuclear regulators on Monday to explain the failure last year of a key valve used to operate a reactor cooling system at a nuclear plant in Alabama.

Word of the malfunction, which occurred last October at the Browns Ferry plant in northern Alabama, comes amid public demand for reassurance over the safety of U.S. nuclear reactors after an earthquake and tsunami last month caused a crisis at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant.

Browns Ferry and the crippled Fukushima plant both have Mark 1 boiling water reactors made by General



TVA nuclear spokesman Ray Golden talks with reporters about the safety features of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant in this photo

Electric.

TVA officials said they discovered the fault when they tried to cool uranium at the Alabama plant's No. 1 reactor during a refueling outage only to find that a valve in the sec-

ondary containment system did not work.

"There was never any danger to the public. We shut the plant down," said TVA manager of nuclear communications Ray Golden.

"The risk would be that you would have to find an alternate path to cool the uranium fuel and we were able to do that," he said, adding that plant operators used back-up pumps to cool the reactor.

TVA argued at a meeting it requested with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Atlanta on Monday that the valve had a manufacturing defect, Golden said.

Browns Ferry has three reactors and the valve was in place when reactor one went online in 1974. □

McDonald's one-day hiring blitz seen as major PR move

By Lisa Baertlein
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fast-food chain McDonald's Corp (MCD.N), trying to grab positive headlines in an economic recovery still struggling to create living-wage jobs, announced on Monday that it would do all of its spring hiring in one fell swoop.

The world's biggest hamburger chain which for years has wanted to stop the use of "McJob" as shorthand for low-wage, dead-end work said it plans to hire up to 50,000 new U.S. workers on April 19.

The jobs range from restaurant crew to managers. Janney Capital Markets analyst Mark Kalinowski told



A man walks out of a McDonald's restaurant in New York

Reuters that the announcement "certainly seems like a way to attract some favorable publicity around something it was more or less going to do anyway."

McDonald's said the hiring blitz would increase its U.S. workforce by 7.7 percent to 700,000 which is no different from prior summer staff increases. □



In this photo provided by Eric Long, people are evacuated from a United Airlines plane after making an emergency landing shortly after takeoff at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, La. The flight from New Orleans to San Francisco returned to the New Orleans airport within minutes of taking off Monday after rocking back and forth

Flight ends in minutes, returns to La. airport

By MARY FOSTER
Associated Press

KENNER, La. — A United Airlines flight from New Orleans to San Francisco returned to the New Orleans airport within minutes of taking off Monday after the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

All 100 passengers and five crew members on Flight 497 were safe, airline spokesman Rahsaan Johnson said.

Copilot Ronald Lee Young told an Associated Press reporter aboard the Airbus 319 that he landed on backup systems, with minimal steering and braking ability, after the plane lost all electronics. "When things start to go wrong, there's always a system we can go back to," he said.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford said he had not been told about any electronic failure. He said the pilot had declared an emergency because of smoke in the cockpit.

Young said the plane, heavy with fuel for the cross-country flight, ran off the runway and blew a tire.

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Deadly W.Va. explosion makes big industry change



'King of coal' Don Blankenship has been dethroned pushed out with a take-it-or-leave it retirement package and the company he ruled with an iron will for more than a decade may soon vanish in a \$7.1 billion buyout

By Tim Huber
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — When 29 men perished in a single, powerful explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine a year ago, the tragedy stunned the nation but the aftermath was stunning too, both for its seismic impact on major players in the coal industry and for the absence of any sweeping reforms. To the people in coal country, what's happened to mine owner Massey Energy is downright mind-boggling: "King of coal" Don Blankenship has been dethroned pushed out with a take-it-or-leave it retirement package and the company he ruled with an iron will for more than a decade may soon vanish in a \$7.1 billion buyout. If there is any good to come from the Upper Big Branch

tragedy, retired union coal miner Danny Vanoy figures it's the end of staunchly anti-union Massey and the disappearance of its former chief executive officer. "They put the coal before safety," says Vanoy of Dorothy, a community a few miles from the mine that blew up in Montcoal last April 5. Vanoy spent 30 years underground working at union mines. Blankenship's multimillion-dollar campaign donations and his political dabbling, along with his eight-figure paydays, helped make him the U.S. industry's best known coal executive and a household name in West Virginia. The Richmond, Va.-based company never rivaled coal giants such as Peabody Energy in size, but it dominated the industry in notoriety. □

MLK's death marked with protests

By ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The eldest son of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said Monday if his father had not been killed 43 years ago, the civil rights icon would be fighting alongside the workers rallying to protect collective bargaining rights. Martin Luther King III said he will join marchers across the country on the anniversary of his father's assassination, in support of workers' rights. At the time of his death, King was in Memphis, Tenn., supporting a strike of black municipal sanitation workers. His son said the fight was for dignity and democracy, and he compares that struggle to the battle over collective bargaining rights in states including Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. "If he were with us, he would be very concerned that some Americans have chosen to focus on dismantling workers' rights," King III said. "Dad was killed in that context. He would want us to be engaged in that activity today." Labor unions want to frame the debate as a civil rights issue, which could draw sympathy to public workers being blamed for busting state budgets with generous pensions. Arlene Holt Baker, executive vice president of the AFL-CIO, was also in Atlanta for the "We Are One" campaign, which she said also included teach-ins and vigils in dozens of cities nationwide. Stand-



Martin Luther King III, right, the son of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., lays a wreath at the crypt of his father along with from right, Dr. King's daughter, Rev. Bernice King, granddaughter Yolanda, 2, her mother Arndrea King, and Christine King Farris, sister of Dr. King Jr., on the 43rd anniversary of his assassination in Atlanta.

ing near the spot where King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, are buried, Holt Baker said the two movements are linked. "Dr. King realized and said so often that a path to a just economy, to the middle class, was through labor unions," she said. "Economic justice was the ultimate fulfillment of his dream." The planned rallies are part of a coordinated strategy by labor leaders to ride the momentum of pro-union demonstrations and national polls showing most Americans support collective bargaining rights as Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and other GOP leaders in states fight to reduce or strip those benefits. Walker has argued that collec-

tive bargaining is a budget issue. On Friday, he signed into law a bill the strips nearly all collective bargaining benefits from most public workers, arguing the move will give local governments flexibility in making budget cuts needed to close the state's \$3.6 billion deficit. At the rally in Cleveland, about 300 union supporters denounced Ohio Gov. John Kasich and workers vowed to block the bill Kasich signed last week that bans public worker strikes, eliminates binding arbitration and restricts bargaining for 350,000 public employees. U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton, D-Ohio, said Republicans are trying to silence workers at the bargaining table. □

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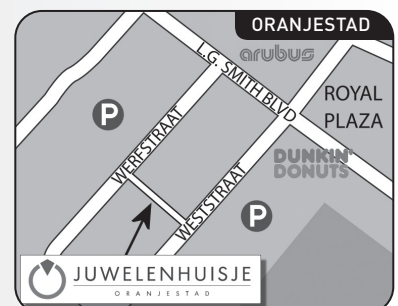
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ORANJESTAD - Mise en Place, the umbrella company that covers Papillon Restaurant, Taste of Belgium's Bistro and CILO City Lounge, has a new Employee of the Month. It is Leon Vastenburg, who is one of the top waiters at Papillon, the fabulous theme restaurant at The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. Papillon was Leon's first choice when he came from Holland to Aruba two and a half years ago and the combination of the restaurant concept, his colleagues and guests fit him like a glove. Leon is always in a happy mood and he stands out for his excellent product knowledge and service-mindedness: guests love Leon!

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Sales & Marketing for the Aruba Marriott.

"Keirsin's passion for her work, proven track record and infectious personality make her a delight to work with and the perfect candidate for this position." Tjon Pian Gi was most recently Sales and Marketing Coordinator for the Aruba Marriott, having joined the team in 2007 as a Front Desk Agent. Prior to that, Tjon Pian Gi worked closely with the Aruba Tourism Authority's marketing department.

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Photos show participants Pe-



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Search for radiation leak turns desperate in Japan



A Buddhist monk, offering prayer, walks through the area destroyed by a tsunami in Yamada, Iwate prefecture, northern Japan

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO — Workers used a milky bathwater dye Monday as they frantically tried to trace the path of radioactive water seeping into the ocean from Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear plant.

The crack in a maintenance pit discovered over the weekend was the latest confirmation that radioactivity continues to spill into the environment.

The leak is a symptom of the primary difficulty at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex: Radioactive water is pooling around the plant and preventing workers from powering up cooling systems needed to stabilize dangerously vulnerable fuel rods.

The plant operators also deliberately dumped 10,000 tons of tainted water measuring about 500 times above the legal limit for radioactiv-

ity into the ocean Monday to make space at a storage site for water that is even more highly radioactive.

Engineers have turned to a host of improvised and sometimes bizarre methods to tame the nuclear plant after it was crippled in Japan's magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami on March 11.

Efforts over the weekend to clog the leak with a special polymer, sawdust and even shredded newspapers failed to halt the flow at a cracked concrete maintenance pit near the shoreline.

They still can't say for sure if the pit, where radioactive iodine was measured at 10,000 times the legal limit, is the source of the leak.

Suspecting they might be targeting the wrong channel to the pit, workers tried to confirm the leak's pathway by dumping several pounds of salts used to give bathwater a milky hue into the system, plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Monday.

"There could be other possible passages that the water may be traveling. We must watch carefully and contain it as quickly as possible," said Hidehiko Nishiyama, a spokesman for the Nuclear Safety and Industrial Agency. Radioactive water has pooled throughout the plant because the operator has been forced to rely on makeshift ways of pumping water into the reactors and allowing it to gush out wherever it can to bring down temperatures and pressure in the cores. □

In Libya

Rebels retake key oil town

By RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BREGA, Libya — Libyan rebels on Monday took back much of a strategic oil town that has repeatedly changed hands in weeks of battles with Moammar Gadhafi's forces along the nation's northern coast. There were bursts of artillery and shelling from Gadhafi's forces in the west as rebels pushed into eastern sections of the town. Women and children were seen fleeing Brega as the battle raged.

"New Brega is under control of our forces and we are mopping up around the university," said Lt. Muftah Omar Hamza, a former member of Libya's air force who had a satellite phone and a GPS around his neck.

Brega stretches out over several miles of the coast and is concentrated in three main sections: New Brega, a largely residential area on the east end; West Brega, which includes a refinery and housing for oil workers; and a university between them. West Brega was still contested.

The uprising that began in February against Gadhafi's 42-year rule has reached a stalemate, with a series of towns along one stretch of Mediterranean coastline passing back and forth multiple times between the two sides. Though the regime's forces are more powerful and plentiful, they have been unable to decisively defeat a poorly equipped and badly organized rebel force backed by NATO



Libyan rebels duck down as others take cover as they come under attack during an exchange of fire with pro-Gadhafi forces along the frontline at the outskirts of Brega. Libyan rebels pushed into the strategic oil town of Brega on Monday but came under fire from Moammar Gadhafi's forces, as a government envoy began a diplomatic push in Europe to discuss an end to the fighting

airstrikes that have kept the Gadhafi loyalists in check. Rebel forces made up of defected army units and armed civilians have seized much of Libya's eastern coast, but have been unable to push westward toward the capital, Tripoli. Two rebel advances on Sirte, a Gadhafi stronghold on the road to Tripoli, were cut well short, and government forces pushed the opposition back 100 miles or more after each attempt. Rebels were hoping for more this time.

"We're advancing. By today we'll have full control of Brega," said Salam Idrisi, 42, a rebel fighter. "We're more organized now, and that's played a big role." Italy on Monday recognized the rebel-led Libyan National Transitional Council as the country's only legitimate voice on Monday, becoming only the third country, after France and Qatar,

to do so. After speaking with the council's foreign envoy, Ali al-Essawi, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said the only way to resolve the conflict in the former Italian colony is for Gadhafi to leave along with his sons.

"They are leaders of the military operations against Libyans," Al-Essawi said, explaining why the council refuses to accept one of Gadhafi's sons as Libya's leader.

Frattini also said proposals by a Libyan government envoy Abdul-Ati al-Obeidi, who met with Greek officials Sunday, were "not credible" because nothing was said about Gadhafi's departure.

Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Droustas said that based on al-Obeidi's comments, "it appears that the regime is seeking a solution," but few other details of the Athens talks were released publicly. □

Does U.N. recognize a Palestinian nation?



Members of Palestinian armed factions attend a news conference in Gaza City Israeli aircraft killed three Palestinian gunmen in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday, medical officials and the Israeli army said. Saturday's air strike raised to 15 the number of people killed since a flare up of violence last month. Israel and the Palestinians have signalled a readiness to return to a de facto ceasefire which has kept the border mostly quiet since the end of the December 2008-January 2009 Gaza war

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Israel and the Palestinians have signalled a readiness to return to a de facto ceasefire which has kept the border mostly quiet since the end of the December 2008-January 2009 Gaza war. New York – Momentum is building for the United Nations to formally recognize a Palestinian state, which would likely enrage Israel. Can anyone save the Mideast peace process?

With the Israeli-Palestinian peace process on ice, the Palestinian Authority is debating whether to ask the United Nations to recognize it as a sovereign member state in September. Since the vote would be in the U.N. General Assembly, where the U.S. doesn't have a veto, the measure would likely be approved, making Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem effectively illegal in the U.N.'s eyes. Israel is threatening retaliation. Is there any way to keep the peace process from further unraveling? □

Libya's rebels say:

Train them, don't arm them



A rebel fighter gestures beside a Kingdom of Libya flag on a pick-up truck at a staging area to the east of Brega.

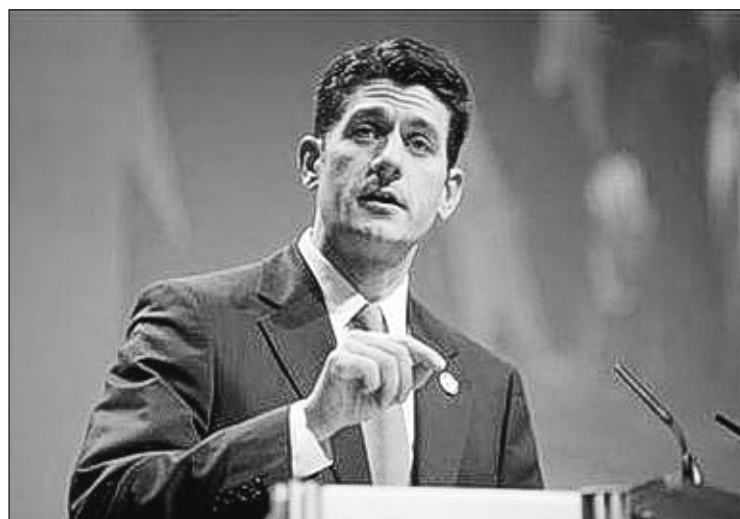
NEW YORK – The White House is debating whether to send weapons to the struggling anti-Gadhafi rebels, says Robert Haddick in Foreign Policy. What they really need is boot camp. It doesn't take CIA agents on the ground in Libya to see why the ragtag band of rebels opposing Moammar Gadhafi is being routed so easily, says Robert Haddick in Foreign Policy. And note to Washington: It isn't their lack of anti-tank rocket launchers. If the rebels who are increasingly coming across as rudderless, if not clueless want a shot at overthrowing Gadhafi, they "need boot camp, fundamental infantry training, and the de-

velopment of some battlefield leaders, not a new stockpile of weapons." And a stalemate with Gadhafi may buy the rebels the time they need to get up to speed. Here, an excerpt: Absent a Western invasion of the country, the rebel force is the only means of removing Gadhafi, and the rebels will need many months or even years of training before they are capable of defeating loyalist ground units and marching all the way to Tripoli. A comparison with Afghanistan's Northern Alliance is instructive. The anti-Taliban Northern Alliance was the battle-hardened survivor of a decade-long struggle against the Soviet Red Army. □

Paul Ryan's 'controversial' \$4 trillion in cuts

NEW YORK – Lawmakers are still locked in talks over federal spending for the next six months, but the GOP is ready to unveil a 2012 budget proposal that slashes Medicare and Medicaid. As Republicans and Democrats clash over funding the government through the fiscal year, a new budget battle is looming. Republicans are set to unveil a "controversial" budget proposal for 2012 and beyond, including changes to Medicare and Medicaid that would contribute up to \$4 trillion in spending cuts. The plan, to be presented by House Budget chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) would cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid's budget alone. House Speaker John Boehner said Congress

had avoided tackling entitlement programs for long enough. "We are imprisoning the future for our kids and our grandkids if we do not act," he said. Is Ryan's plan a step in the right direction? (Watch The Week's Sunday Talk Show Briefing about the budget battle.) No. The GOP wants to deny health coverage to millions: Ryan's plans for Medicaid are terrifying, says David Dayen at Firedoglake. The federal government would no longer enroll Americans in Medicaid, but give states lump sums, or block grants, to fund their own programs. But "states would unquestionably limit enrollment under a block grant scheme." That would leave millions of impover-



Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) speaks during the Conservative Political Action Conference

ished, elderly and disabled people without health care. "Ryan budget will block grant Medicaid, voucherize Medicare" The plans for Medicare aren't great, either: Ryan's "huge, controversial"

proposal to reform Medicare amounts to "what most people would call a voucher system," says Jonathan Cohn at The New Republic. Seniors would each be given a "sum of money, payable towards the pur-

chase of an insurance policy," on the basis that private insurers are more efficient than the government. But this would certainly deny Americans the "guarantee of comprehensive, affordable coverage" that they get from Medicare. "Why Ryan's Medicare/Medicaid plans are radical" But this is the only realistic path to economic recovery: Ryan's plan is the only way to avoid "fiscal calamity," says Grace-Marie Turner at the National Review. Moving to a block grant scheme for Medicaid would give power to states "and ultimately to patients," while a "premium support" system for Medicare would give seniors "more choice of benefits in a competitive private market." □

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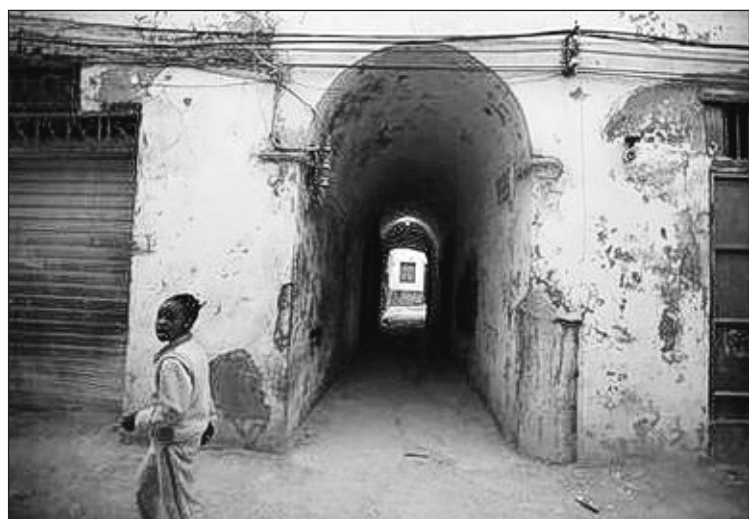
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Angry at shortages

Libyans speak louder of change



A girl walks past a tunnel in the old city of Tripoli

By Maria Golovnina
Associated Press

TRIPOLI— In the maze-like lanes of Tripoli's medieval market, some Libyans are openly predicting the imminent fall of Muammar Gaddafi. Their tempers appear to have reached breaking point in a city gripped by fuel shortages and long queues for basic goods as rebels based in eastern Libya battle Gaddafi's forces.

"People from the east will come here. Maybe in two weeks," said one entrepreneur who asked that his name not be used for fear of reprisals. "But now people are afraid." Such frankness is all the more striking in a city which serves as Gaddafi's most heavily fortified stronghold and where all forms of dissent have so far been aggressively quashed. Riots have broken out outside petrol stations where frustrated drivers wait in queues consisting of hundreds of cars to compete for scarce fuel. At least one man was killed

on Sunday, a Tripoli resident said.

People's anger over bread-and-butter issues in Tripoli could prove decisive for the uprising on the eastern front, where the rebels are locked in an indecisive face-off with state troops.

Tripoli residents have become more open and even critical, at least in private when government officials are not listening, since the start of Western airstrikes on March 19.

Sitting outside his shop, an old man also gave Gaddafi two weeks. He said the nation had gone through worse hardship in World War Two when Allied and Axis forces fought on Libyan soil.

"What is happening now is nothing compared to 1943 when the English bombarded Tripoli," he added with a smile, referring to the fall of Tripoli to the British army.

THINNING CROWDS

In the central Green Square, Gaddafi supporters gather daily to wave flags but the

crowd has thinned visibly from last month when the state apparatus managed to gather hundreds, sometimes thousands, in a show of pro-Gaddafi defiance.

Billboards around the square are still smashed after fierce clashes between protesters and Gaddafi's forces in Tripoli more than a month ago. Now the city appears subdued, and people whisper of mass arrests in some of the more restive suburbs.

"Another problem is that there are food and fuel shortages," said a foreign observer and a long-time local resident. "People are losing patience, there are scuffles at petrol stations."

Prices have soared and basic items such as milk and cooking gas have grown scarce in a country which relies on food imports, partly because people have started hoarding supplies.

For now, shops that are still open appear to be well-stocked and there are few signs of outright tension. But the black market is booming. "It's normally seven Libyan dinars (per liter). If you want to get petrol from the black market it's about 40 or 50 dinars," said one Tripoli resident.

The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has said that the public food distribution system in Libya is under stress as food stocks are being consumed without replenishment. Tripoli's old market is a shadow of its former bustling self, and many shops are closed. □

Tsunami washes away hopes for Japan's youth



Graduating students hold hands during their graduation ceremony at Rokugou junior high school in Sendai, Miyagi prefecture on March 2011.

By Shingo Ito
Associated Press

RIKUZENTAKATA, Japan — Japan's tsunami swept away more than just the buildings in places like Rikuzentakata it took people's dreams and their plans for the future.

Honami Suzuki graduated from high school just before the huge wave bore down on her home.

At just 18 years old she has her whole life ahead of her and was looking forward to a place at a vocational school where she would learn the art of cooking.

"I don't think I can do that now," she told AFP. "It was my family that would have had to pay for it, but they won't be able to afford that now."

"I think I'll just have to try to find a job straight away. I hope it will still be something to do with food, but I don't know. There isn't much left around here anymore."

Her friend and fellow high

school graduate Shiori Hosoia has also abandoned any idea of staying in education.

"I think I'll just have to look for a job," she said. "I've no idea what it will be. Any job, I suppose."

But jobs are going to be hard to come by.

Labour authorities in the three hardest-hit prefectures Miyagi, Fukushima and Iwate have received around 150 calls from companies and new graduates about the cancellation of job offers or delays in employment.

Companies, often required by law to take on a specific number of new employees each year, have contacted authorities to explain their current difficulties in recruiting.

"In the past, companies were reluctant to hire people because of the economic slump," said Yasuo Chikugo, an official from the Iwate Labour Department, referring to Japan's extended period of financial malaise. □

In Haiti

Musician Martelly wins election



A woman walks through a damaged area in downtown Port-au-Prince

By Joseph Guyler
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Singer and political outsider Michel Martelly is the winner of Haiti's presidential election, beating former first lady Mirlande Manigat, according to official preliminary results, a senior electoral council official said on Monday. "Martelly won," the official at the Provisional Electoral Council, who asked not to be named, told AP. He gave no immediate

numerical breakdown, speaking ahead of a public announcement due later on Monday to give the eagerly awaited first results from the March 20 run-off vote in the volatile Caribbean state, one of the poorest in the world. The results are preliminary because they can be subjected to legal challenges which must be dealt with by the electoral council before it can declare them definitive later in April. "Sweet Micky" Martelly, a shaven-headed 50-year-old

with no previous government experience, had preached a forceful message of change, pledging to break with decades of past corruption and misrule and to bring a better life to Haitians struggling to recover from a devastating 2010 earthquake.

His campaign tweeted the reports of his win. There was no immediate reaction from the Manigat camp.

As president, Martelly will face the huge challenge of trying to rebuild a small Caribbean country that was prostrated in poverty long before an earthquake killed more than 300,000 people and bludgeoned its fragile economy last year. Hundreds of thousands of destitute earthquake victims are still living in squalid tent and tarpaulin camps.

Anxious anticipation tinged with fears of violence had gripped the country since the preliminary results announcement was delayed from last week because of reported high levels of fraud. Blue-helmeted U.N. peacekeepers were out patrolling the capital Port-au-Prince and other potential flashpoints. Some stores boarded up windows in anticipation of trouble. □



Anti-government protesters run after police fired tear gas during a demonstration in the southern Yemeni city of Taiz

In Yemen

Toll rises as U.S. seen pressing Saleh to go

By Mohamed Sudam
Associated Press

SANAA — Police and armed men in civilian clothes opened fire on anti-government demonstrators in the Yemeni cities of Taiz and Hudaida on Monday, witnesses said, as a drive to oust President Ali Abdullah Saleh gathered pace.

The attempt to suppress mounting protests inspired by uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia came amid signs that the United States is seeking an end to Saleh's 32-year rule, long seen as a rampart against Yemen-based al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

In Taiz, south of the capital Sanaa, police shot at protesters trying to storm the provincial government building, killing at least 15 and wounding 30, hospital doctors said.

"The regime has surprised us with this extent of killing. I don't think the people will do anything other than come out with bare chests to drain the government of all its ammunition," parliamentarian Mohammed Muqbil al-Hamiri told Al Jazeera TV. The television showed a row of men, apparent tear gas victims, lying motionless and being tended by medics on the carpeted floor of a makeshift hospital in Taiz.

In the Red Sea port of Hudaida, police and armed men in civilian clothes attacked a march toward a presidential palace. □

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Japan seeks Russian help to end nuke crisis



A staff member of a radiation check-up point points out a location of the tsunami-crippled nuclear plant on a map, on which a radiation gauge is placed, during a photo opportunity in an evacuation center in Fukushima, northern Japan

By Chizu Nomiyama
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan has asked nuclear superpower Russia to send a special radiation treatment ship used to decommission nuclear submarines as it fights to contain the world's worst atomic crisis since Chernobyl, Japanese media said late on Monday.

Japanese engineers at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant have been forced to release radioactive waste water into the sea. At the same time they are resorting to desperate measures to contain the damage, such as using bath salts to try to locate the source of leaks at the crippled complex 240 km north of Tokyo.

Three weeks after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and massive tsunami hit northeast Japan, sending some of Daiichi's reactors into partial meltdown, engineers are no closer to regaining control of the power plant or stopping radioactive leaks.

The quake and tsunami left nearly 28,000 people dead or missing and Japan's northeast coast a wreck.

The world's costliest natural disaster has caused power blackouts and cuts to supply chains and business hours. It is threatening economic growth and the yen, while a recent opinion poll suggested voters want embattled Prime Minister Naoto Kan to form a coalition in order to steer Japan through its worst crisis since World War Two.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) was forced on Monday to release low-level radioactive seawater that had been used to cool overheated fuel rods after it ran out of storage capacity for more highly contaminated water. □

U.N. plane crashes in Congo killing 32

By Jonny Hogg
Associated Press

KINSHASA — A United Nations plane crashed while trying to land at the airport serving Congo's capital Kinshasa on Monday, killing 32 people, U.N. officials said. One person aboard survived.

"We can confirm only one survivor out of the 33 people on board the ... plane," U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said in New York.

The world body earlier said Congolese and foreign nationals were on board the plane.

The operator of the plane, Georgian flag carrier Airzena Georgian Airways, said the crew was Georgian.

A U.N. source in Kinshasa, who asked not to be named, said: "The plane landed heavily, broke into two and caught fire." There were strong winds blowing at the time.

Congolese Health Ministry official Joseph Kiboko said: "We sent eight people to hos-



Salvage workers gather at the scene of a United Nations plane crash in Democratic Republic of Congo's capital Kinshasa

pital who were still breathing, but I don't know whether they survived.

Both the pilots were killed." Twenty U.N. workers were listed as on board the flight. A AP correspondent at the airport said the plane was completely destroyed and the wreckage was lying at the end of the runway.

The plane, a Bombardier CRJ-200 jet, had taken off from

the eastern city of Kisangani, a U.N. spokesman based in Kinshasa said.

Officials had earlier told AP the plane was a CRJ-300.

The U.N.'s 19,000-strong peacekeeping mission is backing Congo government efforts to fight rebel groups that have been haunting the country's troubled east since a 1998-2003 civil war that killed five million people. □

Libyan rebels reject role for Gadhafi sons

By Christopher Torchia
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A diplomatic push by Moammar Gadhafi's regime ran into trouble Monday as opponents at home and abroad rejected any solution to the Libyan conflict that would involve one of his sons taking power.

While a Gadhafi envoy lobbied diplomats in European capitals, Italy became the third nation to declare that the rebels' interim council in Libya is the only legitimate voice for the people of the North African nation.

The diplomatic whirlwind could signal a softening of his regime's hardline public stance against any compromise that would end the fighting and steer Libya toward a political resolution.

Any long-term settlement poses tough questions about the fate of Gadhafi's family and the new leader of a post-Gadhafi nation.

Some of Gadhafi's adversaries quickly rejected the idea that any of his powerful sons, some of whom command militias accused of attacks on



Libyan National Transitional Council's Foreign Minister Ali al-Essawi, left, and Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, during a press conference, in Rome Italy on Monday recognized the opposition Libyan National Transitional Council as the only legitimate voice in the north African nation, the Italian foreign minister said.

civilians, might play a transitional leadership role that would undoubtedly protect the family's vast economic interests.

Gadhafi, who took power in a 1969 coup, has a legacy of brutality and involvement in terrorism but was able to prolong his rule and even emerge

from pariah status over the past decade with the help of Libya's immense oil wealth. Potential rivals to the eccentric leader were sidelined during four decades of harsh rule based on personal and tribal loyalties that undermined the army and other national institutions.

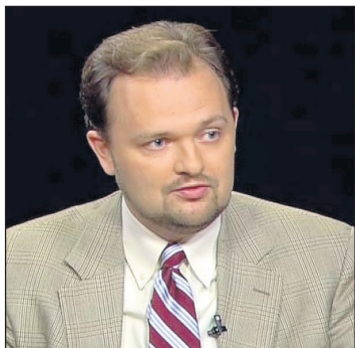
In Rome, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini welcomed Ali al-Essawi, the foreign envoy of the Libyan National Transitional Council, which was hastily set up in the eastern, rebel-held city of Benghazi as the uprising against Gadhafi began in February.

"We have decided to recognize the council as the only political, legitimate interlocutor to represent Libya," Frattini told reporters. He said he will send an envoy to Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, in the coming days.

Frattini also insisted that Gadhafi and his family must go.

"Any solution for the future of Libya has a precondition: that Gadhafi's regime leaves that Gadhafi himself and the family leave the country," Frattini said. □

GOP's Empty Stage



By **ROSS DOUTHAT**
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A month from now, the contenders for the 2012 Republican nomination were supposed to appear at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif., for the first of their primary debates. But the list of declared candidates is so pitifully short that last week the debate was postponed until September, to avoid the embarrassment of a stage potentially populated only by Tim Pawlenty and the pizza magnate Herman Cain.

The stage would be full by autumn, the organizers promised. While “too few have made the commitment thus far for a debate to be worthwhile,” the Reagan Foundation’s executive director declared, “there will be a long and impressive list of Republican candidates who eventually take the field.”

No doubt the list of candidates will lengthen. But Republicans shouldn’t feel too confident about the “impressive” part. When it comes to challenging Barack Obama for the presidency, the Party of Lincoln looks increasingly like a party of Mario Cuomos. It’s biggest names and brightest lights are mainly competing to offer excuses for why they won’t be running in 2012.

Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, for instance, is convinced that he could capture the White House. “I already know I could win,” he told National Review this year. But he’s apparently too modest to vindicate his boast: “I’ve got to believe I’m ready to be president, and I don’t.” Mike Huckabee, likewise, will tell anyone who’ll listen that he would be the favorite in the primaries and the strongest choice to face Obama. But he’ll also say that the campaign trail is exhausting, the debates are a waste of

time, he doesn’t like to fund-raise – and anyway, he and his wife are building their dream house in Florida, so the White House doesn’t necessarily fit into their plans.

Then there’s Gov. Mitch Daniels of Indiana, who came to Washington in February and delivered the kind of speech that conservative campaigns are built on: a dense and fluent argument for limited government, rooted in the premise that America’s fiscal liabilities constitute a “survival level threat.” Alas, somebody else may have to ensure the survival of the republic, since Daniels has spent the month backpedaling from the idea of a presidential run.

Paul Ryan, the House Republicans’ rising star, shares Daniels’ view that the United States faces a pivotal moment in 2012 – a historic choice, as he likes to put it, between the American tradition of limited government and a “European-style social welfare state.” Naturally, he’s already ruled out a run for president. So have lesser lights like Sen. John Thune of South Dakota and Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. So has the Republican politician with the most famous name and strongest executive record: former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida.

None of this means that the Republican ballot will be empty come January. We know Mitt Romney is running: In fact, he never really stopped. We know Newt Gingrich is kind-sorta-definitely running. Pawlenty is in, and Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi may join the field as well. There’s a long list of dark horses, potential spoilers and vanity candidates – Michele Bachmann and Jon Huntsman, John Bolton and Ron (or Rand!) Paul, Rick Santorum and Donald Trump. And of course there’s Sarah Palin, who will presumably keep the media playing “will she or won’t she?” all the way to Iowa.

But if Romney is the front-runner and Pawlenty the freshest face, the Republican Party will have let both its own constituents and the country down. □



The truth, still inconvenient



By **PAUL KRUGMAN**
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So the joke begins like this: An economist, a lawyer and a professor of marketing walk into a room. What’s the punch line? They were three of the five “expert witnesses” Republicans called for last week’s congressional hearing on climate science.

But the joke actually ended up being on the Republicans, when one of the two actual scientists they invited to testify went off script.

Professor Richard Muller of Berkeley, a physicist who has gotten into the climate skeptic game, has been leading the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature project, an effort partially financed by none other than the Koch foundation. And climate deniers – who claim that researchers at NASA and other groups analyzing climate trends have massaged and distorted the data – had been hoping that the Berkeley project would conclude that global warming is a myth.

Instead, however, Muller reported that his group’s preliminary results find a global warming trend “very similar to that reported by the prior

groups.”

The deniers’ response was both predictable and revealing; more on that shortly. But first, let’s talk a bit more about that list of witnesses, which raised the same question I and others have had about a number of committee hearings held since the GOP retook control of the House – namely, where do they find these people?

My favorite, still, was Ron Paul’s first hearing on monetary policy, in which the lead witness was someone best known for writing a book denouncing Abraham Lincoln as a “horrific tyrant” – and for advocating a new secessionist movement as the appropriate response to the “new American fascistic state.”

The ringers (i.e., nonscientists) at last week’s hearing weren’t of quite the same caliber, but their prepared testimony still had some memorable moments. One was the lawyer’s declaration that the EPA can’t declare that greenhouse gas emissions are a health threat, because these emissions have been rising for a century, but public health has improved over the same period. I am not making this up. Oh, and the marketing professor, in providing a list of past cases of “analogies to the alarm over dangerous manmade global warming” – presumably intended to show why we should ignore the worriers – included problems such as acid rain and the ozone hole that have been

contained precisely thanks to environmental regulation.

But back to Muller. His climate-skeptic credentials are pretty strong: He has denounced both Al Gore and my colleague Tom Friedman as “exaggerators,” and he has participated in a number of attacks on climate research, including the witch hunt over innocuous emails from British climate researchers. Not surprisingly, then, climate deniers had high hopes that his new project would support their case.

You can guess what happened when those hopes were dashed. Just a few weeks ago Anthony Watts, who runs a prominent climate denialist website, praised the Berkeley project and piously declared himself “prepared to accept whatever result they produce, even if it proves my premise wrong.” But never mind: Once he knew that Muller was going to present those preliminary results, Watts dismissed the hearing as “post normal science political theater.” And one of the regular contributors on his site dismissed Muller as “a man driven by a very serious agenda.”

Of course, it’s actually the climate deniers who have the agenda, and nobody who’s been following this discussion believed for a moment that they would accept a result confirming global warming. But it’s worth stepping back for a moment and thinking not just about the science here, but about the morality. □

Howard powers Phillies past Astros 7-3

Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard, left, follows through on a three-run home run against Houston Astros starting pitcher Bud Norris (not shown) in the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Philadelphia.

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Dennis Rodman looks on during the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class announcement, Monday, April 4, 2011, in Houston.

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Rodman, Mullin lead 2011 Hall of Fame class

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Dennis Rodman earned plenty of labels during his sometimes turbulent NBA career.

Here's one the player who created chaos on — and sometimes off — the court never expected: Hall of Famer. Rodman headlined the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's 2011 class announced on Monday at the Final Four, a group that includes former Dream Team member Chris Mullin and Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer.

"It's just unreal," Rodman said. And somewhat unexpected, at least to the two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year and five-time NBA champion who believed his extracurricular activities —

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GOING GREEN



Europe poised for another run at green jacket

Martin Kaymer of Germany chips onto the second green during a practice round for the Masters golf tournament Monday, April 4, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

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Europe poised for another run at green jacket

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP)

— A green jacket defined the golden era of European golf. For the better part of two decades, Europeans seemed to have part-ownership of Augusta National by winning the Masters six times in a seven-year stretch, and 11 times in the 1980s and 1990s. Seve Ballesteros was the first European in a green jacket. Nick Faldo won three times. Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer and Olazabal each won twice. Perhaps it was only fitting that when the world ranking made its debut in 1986 at the Masters, the top three were Europeans.

“It would be nice to recreate some of that magic,” Justin Rose said Monday under the large oak tree next to the Augusta National clubhouse. “And I think this is as good a time as any.”

On paper, European golf has never been stronger.

They have won two of the last three majors — Martin Kaymer in a playoff at the PGA Championship, Graeme McDowell at Pebble Beach in the U.S. Open. Padraig Harrington was the last player to



A caddy watches club strokes on a computer as Padraig Harrington of Ireland hits a shot on the driving range before his practice round for the Masters golf tournament Monday, April 4, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.

win successive majors, at the end of 2008.

And then there's the world ranking. Europe would have had the top five spots except for Phil Mickelson winning the Houston Open to go to No. 3. As it is, Kaymer and Westwood are Nos. 1 and 2, with Luke Donald, McDowell and Paul Casey at Nos. 4-5-6. Ti-

ger Woods is at No. 7.

About the only thing missing from this new era of European dominance is a green jacket.

“It's been too long,” said Ian Poulter, among those determined to change this trend. “There's more guys with more chances.” Olazabal was the last European to win the Masters, holding off Greg Norman

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in the final round in 1999. A year later, no Europeans were among the top 10 at the Masters, and none came particularly close to winning except for Westwood last year when he was runner-up by three shots to Mickelson.

Europe now seems more poised than ever.

In the middle of that great Eu-

ropean run from two decades ago, they had four of the top 10 in the world. Now there are six Europeans in the top 10, and nine of the top 20.

“If you look at the guys who compete week in and week out, we've got more now than what we had 15 years ago,” Poulter said. “There's definitely more of a chance now. But you've got a lot of good players to go up again. Tiger and Phil have won quite a few of these jackets over the last few years.”

Woods and Mickelson have combined to win six of the last 10 times at the Masters, although it's Mickelson who comes into the first major as the biggest favorite. Not only is he the defining champion, Mickelson made 18 birdies on the weekend to win in Houston. For a tournament that had lacked a clear favorite, it has one now.

“It seems that everyone has pretty much got Mickelson in the green jacket Sunday evening and there's not much use in turning up at this point,” McDowell said with a grin. “He's a great player around Augusta, and if you finish ahead of him, you've got a decent chance.”

All McDowell wants is a shot on the back nine Sunday.

That would be a good starting point for Europe to win the only major that has eluded him over the last 12 years.

Westwood was just starting to get good as a junior when Faldo won the Masters in back-to-back years. Then came Woosnam in 1991, winning with a par on the 18th hole in a year in which Olazabal and Tom Watson were tied for the lead going to the last hole.

Francesco Molinari remembers Olazabal coming back from a career-threatening injury to win in 1999.

“For every European, it was inspiring,” Molinari said. “It's been awhile, but I think we're ready for another run.”

Poulter was folding shirts and selling candy bars in a golf shop in England toward the end of the European run. He remembers Woosnam winning, and Langer and Olazabal in back-to-back years. □



In this Sunday, June 20, 2010 file photo Luxembourg's Frank Schleck from team Saxo Bank, winner of the tour, in action during the 9th and last stage, a 26.9 km race against the clock, from Liestal to Liestal, at the Tour de Suisse UCI ProTour cycling race, in Liestal, Switzerland.

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Schleck facing UCI investigation

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AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — The UCI will open an investigation into whether Frank Schleck broke competition rules by wearing a drink pack on his chest which might have given the Luxembourg rider an aerodynamic advantage during his victory at the Criterium International last month.

Schleck wore the bag during the third and final stage, a 7-kilometer time trial. He finished in 12th place and held onto his lead overall.

Several riders have used the hydration system in the past and Schleck, who was using it for the first time in a race, was allowed to start the stage by UCI race officials.

Italian newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport first reported on the case and said the bag can

give an aerodynamic advantage of two seconds per kilometer in a time trial. “An investigation will be launched, so we'll find out what exactly happened. We want to know if there was a breach of the rules,” UCI spokesman Enrico Carpani told The Associated Press. Schleck's Leopard-Trek team said the rider — who is not known for his time trial abilities — didn't use the bag to reduce air resistance or improve his aerodynamics.

“We are surprised by all the buzz surrounding this,” team spokesman Tim Vanderjeugd told the AP. “This is not new, and Frank used the Camelbak's hydration bags to hydrate himself. Even during short time trials, it's important to drink.” Vanderjeugd said he consulted the UCI's documentation regarding drink packs

and was adamant the team is in line with UCI rules.

“The system is allowed if it doesn't change the shape of the body, which was the case with Frank,” Vanderjeugd said. “And the aerodynamics effects are yet to be proved, otherwise everybody would use it.” Vanderjeugd added that Schleck rode with the drink pack on his chest to figure out whether he will use the device during the Tour de France in July. “We want to assess the system ahead of the big races, to see if it can be efficient,” Vanderjeugd said.

Another Leopard Trek rider, Swiss cyclist Fabian Cancellara, was accused last month of using a revolutionary system on his bike that gave him a substantial advantage over his rivals when he was racing with the Saxo Bank team. □

NHL Roundup

Wolski leads Rangers past Flyers in 3-2 SO

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Wojtek Wolski's shoot-out goal lifted the New York Rangers to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in the NHL on Sunday, helping the Rangers solidify their hold on the Eastern Conference's last playoff spot.

Wolski's goal came in the second round of the shootout after Erik Christensen had scored for New York in the first. Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist stopped Nikolay Zherdev and Claude Giroux on the Flyers' shootout chances.

The Rangers picked up two points to remain in eighth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race. New York leads ninth-place Carolina by two points and trails seventh-place Buffalo by one. All three teams have three games left.

Bryan McCabe and Ruslan Fedotenko scored for the Rangers in regulation and James Van Riemsdyk and Zherdev had the Flyers' goals. **Sabres 2, Hurricanes 1, OT** In Raleigh, North Carolina, Marc-Andre Gagnani scored 2:56 into overtime to lift Buffalo over Carolina, damaging the Hurricanes' slim playoff hopes.

Chris Butler also scored and Jhonas Enroth made 35 saves

for the Sabres.

Eric Staal scored for the Hurricanes, whose three-game winning streak was stopped. Cam Ward had 29 saves in his 13th straight start for Carolina.

Red Wings 4, Wild 2

In Detroit, Jimmy Howard made 27 saves to help Detroit beat Minnesota and clinch the Central Division title.

Nicklas Lidstrom, Darren Helm, Tomas Holmstrom and Johan Franzen scored for the Red Wings, who have won nine division titles in 10 seasons and 14 since the 1991-92 season.

Brad Staubitz scored a goal and helped set up Carson McMillan's goal in his NHL debut for Minnesota.

Blues 6, Blue Jackets 1

In Columbus, Ohio, Patrik Berglund scored twice and Jaroslav Halak had 23 saves to lead St. Louis over Columbus.

Chris Porter, Andy McDonald, Alexander Steen and Carlo Colaiacovo also had goals for the Blues, who have earned points in five of six games.

R.J. Umberger, who matched the Blue Jackets record for consecutive games played with 243, had the lone goal for Columbus. The Blue Jack-



New York Rangers' Wojtek Wolski, right, gets the puck past Philadelphia Flyers goalie Sergei Bobrovsky for the winning goal in an overtime shootout of an NHL hockey game on Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Rangers won 3-2.

ets have lost three straight.

Lightning 2, Blackhawks 0

In Chicago, Mike Smith made 31 saves for his first shutout in more than a year as Tampa Bay beat Chicago.

Vincent Lecavalier scored a power-play goal in the first period before being accidentally high-sticked by Chicago's Michael Frolik and leaving the game. The team said he sustained a cut to the face.

Nate Thompson added an empty-net goal with 22 seconds left for Tampa Bay, which has won five straight.

Flames 2, Avalanche 1

In Denver, Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 34 shots and Alex

Tanguay had a goal and an assist as Calgary boosted its postseason chances by beating Colorado.

Olli Jokinen also scored for the Flames, who moved to within one point of the eighth-place Chicago Blackhawks in the Western Conference. The Blackhawks have played two fewer games than Calgary. Peter Budaj made 34 saves, and Milan Hedjuk scored for Colorado, which has won only four times in 29 games.

In Anaheim, California, Mike Ribeiro scored twice to help Dallas improve its playoff hopes with a win over Anaheim.

Brenden Morrow had a goal

and two assists, and Jeff Woywitka added a goal and an assist for the Stars, who stopped a six-game losing streak.

Corey Perry scored his NHL-leading 47th goal for Anaheim. The Stars, who had dropped eight of nine, are now three points behind Chicago and two points behind Calgary for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

In other NHL games it was N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2, SO; Buffalo 2, Carolina 1, OT; Detroit 4, Minnesota 2; St. Louis 6, Columbus 1; Tampa Bay 2, Chicago 0; Calgary 2, Colorado 1; and Dallas 4, Anaheim 3. □

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NBA Roundup

Spurs end losing streak by beating Suns 114-97



San Antonio Spurs guard George Hill is fouled by Phoenix Suns guard Jared Dudley on a shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game in San Antonio, Sunday, April 3, 2011. Hill had 29 points as the Spurs beat the Suns 114-97.

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including donning a wedding dress to marry himself and kicking a photographer in the groin — would overshadow his on-the-court accomplishments.

“I looked at the way I am, and I thought I wouldn’t get in,” Rodman said.

Also part of the class were: coaches Tex Winter, innovator of the triangle offense, and Philadelphia University’s Herb Magee; longtime NBA and ABA star Artis Gilmore; former Portland TrailBlazers center Arvydas Sabonis; Olympic gold medalist Teresa Edwards; Harlem Globetrotter Reece “Goose” Tatum; and Boston Celtic Tom “Satch” Sanders.

Winter refined the triangle offense and helped the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers win nine NBA championships as an assistant to Phil Jackson. He retired following the 2006 season, capping a career that included a successful stint at Kansas State,

where he led the Wildcats to two Final Fours.

Winter learned the triangle while playing for Sam Barry at USC in the 1940s then spent decades tweaking it. The system focused on sharing the ball and allowed Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to flourish with the Bulls. He later followed Jackson to the Lakers, where the triangle let Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal cohabitate successfully on their way to three straight titles.

When informed of the honor last week, Rodman thought it was a prank. He figured there was no way the voters could get past his outlandish antics and focus on a career in which he became one of the best rebounders in league history.

“They looked past all the negativity and thought ‘wow, he actually did change the game a little bit,’” said Rodman, who averaged 13.1 rebounds a game while playing for five teams. “I wasn’t a good scorer. I wasn’t the best athlete. But I was part of the machine.”

Even if he sometimes drew

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — George Hill scored 29 points as the NBA-leading San Antonio Spurs beat the Phoenix Suns 114-97 on Sunday to stop a six-game losing streak — the longest of Tim Duncan’s 14-year career with the team.

San Antonio went winless for two weeks and squandered a once-comfortable lead for the top seed in the Western Conference. The win moves the Spurs 2½ games ahead of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Aaron Brooks and Channing Frye had 14 points apiece for the Suns. The loss guaranteed that Phoenix will miss the playoffs for the second time in three seasons.

Matt Bonner added 16 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio.

Nuggets 95, Lakers 90

In Los Angeles, Italy’s Danilo Gallinari scored 22 points and Kenyon Martin added 18 as Denver hung on to defeat the Lakers for their sixth straight

win.

Kobe Bryant scored 28 points for the Lakers, whose nine-game winning streak ended.

The Lakers have six games left to try and overtake the Spurs and earn home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. They also need five more wins to reach 60 for the 12th time and third under coach Phil Jackson.

The Nuggets are 15-4 since sending leading scorer Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups to the Knicks in a trade on Feb. 21.

Knicks 123, Cavaliers 107

In New York, Amare Stoudemire scored 28 points to lead New York to its first post-season berth since 2004.

Shortly after Charlotte’s home loss to Washington, the Knicks beat the Cavaliers to secure their spot. They are seventh in the Eastern Conference, but closed to within 1½ games of the 76ers.

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups

added 23 for the Knicks, who had lost 11 straight to the Cavaliers dating to December 2007.

J.J. Hickson had 23 points and Baron Davis added 22 for Cleveland.

Celtics 101, Pistons 90

In Boston, Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and Paul Pierce added 22 as Boston topped Detroit in Shaquille O’Neal’s brief return to the Celtics lineup.

O’Neal played only 5½ minutes in his first game back after missing 27 with a sore right leg. He left the game at the beginning of the second quarter with a new injury — a strained right calf muscle.

Will Bynum scored 20 points, Tayshaun Prince had 16 and Charlie Villanueva 15 for Detroit.

Heat 108, Nets 94

In Newark, New Jersey, LeBron James had 31 points and 11 rebounds as Miami won its third straight and eighth in nine games.

Dwyane Wade added 18 points despite a first-quarter thigh injury and Chris Bosh had 16 for the Heat.

The win pulled Miami (54-23) within 2½ games of idle Chicago (56-20) in the race for the top spot in the Eastern Conference. The Heat have five games left, one fewer than the Bulls.

Deron Williams had 18 points and 12 assists to lead the Nets, who have lost six straight and 10 of 11.

Raptors 102, Magic 98

At Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Jerryd Bayless had 21 to help Toronto end a six-game losing streak.

In other NBA games it was San Antonio 114, Phoenix 97; Denver 95, L.A. Lakers 90; Sacramento 106, Utah 97; Boston 101, Detroit 90; Washington 97, Charlotte 91; Miami 108, New Jersey 94; New York 123, Cleveland 107; Toronto 102, Orlando 98; Houston 114, Atlanta 109; New Orleans 108, Indiana 96; and Portland 104, Dallas 96.



The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class pose with their jerseys during the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class announcement, Monday, April 4, 2011, in Houston. Recipients, from left, are Tom Sanders, Dennis Rodman, Chris Mullin, Herb Magee, Artis Gilmore and Mannie Jackson representing Reece Tatum.

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more headlines for his wardrobe than his ability to chase down missed shots at a remarkable rate. Rodman didn’t disappoint on Monday. While the rest of the inductees for the announcement donned suits for the occasion, he wore sneakers, jeans, a black ballcap, shades, tan vest with leopard and tan scarves, and

his white shirt with gold sequined cuffs was unbuttoned and knotted at the waist, a la Julia Roberts in “Pretty Woman.”

Expect something off the wall when the class is formally inducted in Springfield, Mass., in August. Rodman said his personal designer is going to “make a lot of crazy stuff.”

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NL Roundup

Howard leads Phillies past Astros 7-3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard homered and drove in four runs to help the Philadelphia Phillies complete a season-opening, three-game sweep with a 7-3 win over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Roy Oswalt (1-0), who spent 10 years with the Astros before being traded to Philadelphia last year, allowed two runs on five hits while striking out six and walking one in his first start against his former club.

Howard launched a three-run homer in the first and had an RBI double in the third. He is 7 for 13 with six RBIs through three games. Ben Francisco also homered for the Phillies, who opened a home series with three wins for the first time since 1970.

Cardinals 2, Padres 0

In St. Louis, Jaime Garcia threw a four-hitter with a career-best nine strikeouts as St. Louis beat San Diego to avoid a season-opening sweep at home.

Yadier Molina's RBI single off Dustin Moseley (0-1) in the fifth inning was the difference for the Cardinals, who haven't been swept by the Padres at home since 1980.

Moseley allowed only four hits in seven innings for San Diego, which missed a chance to open 3-0 for the fourth time in team history and the first time since 1984.

Garcia (1-0) walked two in his second career shutout and the majors' first this season.

Dodgers 7, Giants 5

At Los Angeles, Marcus Thames tripled in the go-ahead run during a four-run seventh inning as the Dodgers took three of four from the defending World Series champions.

The Dodgers scored all four runs off Giants reliever Dan Runzler (0-1).

Hiroki Kuroda (1-0) allowed three runs and six hits — including homers to Pablo Sandoval and Pat Burrell — in seven innings. He struck out five and retired 14 consecutive batters during one stretch.

Reds 12, Brewers 3

In Cincinnati, Ryan Hanigan hit two of Cincinnati's four homers as the Reds completed a sweep of Milwaukee.

Jonny Gomes and Brandon

Phillips also homered for Cincinnati, which is 3-0 for the first time since 2005.

Bronson Arroyo (1-0) went seven innings even though he's still recovering from mononucleosis, giving up solo homers to Rickie Weeks and Ryan Braun.

Cincinnati had 19 hits, matching its season high from last year.

In other NL games it was Cincinnati 12, Milwaukee 3; N.Y. Mets 9, Florida 2; Atlanta 11, Washington 2; Philadelphia 7, Houston 3; St. Louis 2, San Diego 0; Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Arizona at Colorado, ppd., rain; and L.A. Dodgers 7, San Francisco 5.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Bud Norris gets a new ball as Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard, right, rounds the bases after hitting a three-run home run in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 7-3.

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Oakland Athletics' Hideki Matsui, of Japan, watches his 2,500th career hit, off Seattle Mariners' Doug Fister during the second inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Oakland, Calif.

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OAKLAND, California (AP) — Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui had two hits to surpass

AL Roundup

Matsui gets 2,500th career hit

a combined 2,500 hits between his career in Japan and the major leagues as the Oakland Athletics beat the Seattle Mariners 7-1 on Sunday.

Matsui doubled in the second inning for his first hit with the A's after an 0-for-7 start. He then added an RBI single in a four-run seventh.

"I feel relief just getting my first hit as a member of the A's and getting our first win," Matsui said. "I'm not really focused on my hits between Japan and the big leagues."

Matsui had 1,390 hits in 10

years with the Yomiuri Giants in Japan before moving to the majors. He had 977 hits in seven years with the New York Yankees and 132 last season with the Los Angeles Angels.

Mark Ellis drove in three runs as Oakland avoided a season-opening weekend sweep against the Mariners.

Gio Gonzalez (1-0) allowed six hits, struck out four and walked four in seven innings. He improved to 5-1 for his career against Seattle.

Indians 7, White Sox 1

In Cleveland, Orlando Cabrera hit a two-run homer and assisted in the majors' first triple play of the season to help Cleveland beat Chicago.

In other AL games it was Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 1; Detroit 10, N.Y. Yankees 7; Minnesota 4, Toronto 3; Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 1; Texas 5, Boston 1; Kansas City 12, L.A. Angels 9, 13 innings; and Oakland 7, Seattle 1.



HPV might linked to lung cancer



Keri Kirkham, 41, who has lung cancer, rests in her parents' home in Hinkley, Calif., in the Mojave Desert northeast of Los Angeles, Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010. A California state study has not revealed elevated cancer levels in the town, a small community whose struggles with contaminated groundwater inspired the award-winning Hollywood movie 'Erin Brockovich'

By Steven Reinberg
Associated Press

Human papillomavirus (HPV), a common sexually transmitted virus that accounts for most cases of cervical cancer, may also play a role in lung cancer, researchers report. In other smaller studies, HPV has been found in lung cancer patients. But what role the virus plays, if any, in the development of the disease is not known, the scientists from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) said. "These preliminary results warrant further investigations into the role of HPV in lung cancer," said lead researcher Devasena Anantharaman, a postdoctoral fellow in Genetic Epidemiology Group, which is part of IARC. □

More families are adopting HIV-positive children

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

The immediate task might be coaxing a toddler into one more swallow of nasty-tasting medication. Longer term, there are tough choices to be made about telling that child and the surrounding community why those daily doses may be needed for the rest of his or her life. While most adoptions present challenges, there's a distinctive set of them facing parents who decide to adopt children living with HIV. A twice-daily medication regimen, lingering prejudice and fear, uncertainty about the child's longevity and marriage prospects. Yet the number of U.S. parents undertaking HIV adoptions, or seriously considering them, is surging from a trickle five years ago to at least several hundred. Most involve orphans from foreign countries where they faced stigma, neglect and the risk of early death.

"I can't think of a more significant way to make an impact than to do this," said Margaret Fleming, a 74-year-old Chicagoan whose nine adopted children include three HIV-positive first graders. "These kids were, in many ways, the modern-day lepers," she said. Ignorance and bias related to HIV haven't vanished in the United States. But the stigma is steadily lessening, especially compared to many of the other countries that are home to an estimated 2.5 million children with the disease. At forums and over the Internet, parents who have adopted HIV-positive kids are offering advice and encouragement to those who might follow suit. In February, Bethany Christian Services the largest U.S. adoption agency unveiled a detailed educational package about HIV adoptions to help the growing number of interested parents make informed decisions. □

Tempting foods trigger indulge

By Julie Steenhuysen
Associated Press

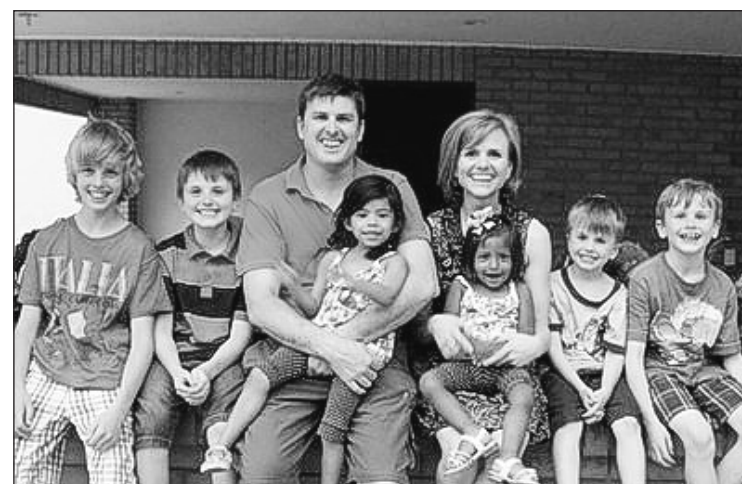
CHICAGO – Seeing a milkshake can activate the same areas of the brain that light up when an addict sees cocaine, U.S. researchers said on Monday. The study helps explain why it can be so hard for some people to maintain a healthy weight, and why it has been so difficult for drugmakers and health experts to find obesity treatments that work. "If certain foods are addictive, this may partially explain the difficulty people experience in achieving sustainable weight loss," Ashley Gearhardt of Yale University in Connecticut and colleagues wrote in the Archives of General Psychiatry. Gearhardt's team wanted to see what happens in the brain when young women are tempted by a tasty treat. They used a type of brain imaging known as functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, to study brain activity in 48 young women who were offered a chocolate milkshake or a tasteless solution. Women in the study



A feast for the eye

ranged from lean to obese. The team found that seeing the milkshake triggered brain activity in the anterior cingulate cortex and the medial orbitofrontal cortex brain areas that have been implicated in an addict's urge to use drugs. And this activity was higher among women in the study

who had high scores on a scale that assessed their eating habits for signs of addictive behavior. "These findings support the theory that compulsive food consumption may be driven in part by an enhanced anticipation of the rewarding properties of food," Gearhardt and colleagues wrote. □



This Feb. 25, 2011 picture provided by the Vander Zwaag family shows them in Bucaramanga, Colombia when they were trying to complete the adoption of 2-year-old Luisa, third from right, who is HIV-positive. From left are Dylan, Jayden, father Ryan VanderZwaag, Anaya, who was adopted in 2009 from Guatemala, mother Stacy Vander Zwaag, Luisa, Easton and Spencer. While most adoptions present challenges, there's a distinctive set facing parents who decide to adopt children living with HIV. A twice-daily medication regimen, lingering prejudice and fear, uncertainty about the child's longevity and marriage prospects.

Too real means too creepy in new Disney animation

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Computer animation has a problem: When it gets too realistic, it starts creeping people out. Most recently, moviegoers complained about the near-realistic depiction of humans in Disney's 3-D flick "Mars Needs Moms."

A theory called the "uncanny valley" says we tend to feel attracted to inanimate objects with human traits, the way a teddy bear or a rag doll seems cute. Our affection grows as an object looks more human. But if it looks too human, we suddenly become repulsed. Instead of seeing what's similar, we notice the flaws — and the motionless eyes or awkward

movements suddenly make us uncomfortable. "Mars" may have plunged to the bottom of this valley of fear.

"People always comment on things feeling strangely dead around the eyes," said Chuck Sheetz, an animation director of "The Simpsons" and a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "If it gets too literal, it starts to feel false or has a strange effect." Skin texture that is slightly off can especially leave people feeling unsettled, said Patrick Markey, a psychologist and director of Villanova University's Interpersonal Research Laboratory.

The near-realistic animation style championed by producer

Robert Zemeckis uses motion-capture technology, where actors are covered with dots and skin suits and have their performances captured on computer. The dots provide the frame, and the rest is filled in with computerized graphics. "Mars" creates humans that are more realistic and detailed than Zemeckis' earlier attempts in such movies as "Beowulf" and "The Polar Express" — which were also criticized for inviting this discomfort. The greater detail might have made things worse.

Doug McGoldrick, who took his two daughters to see the movie, said the faces of the main characters "were just wrong." Their foreheads were



In this film publicity image released by Walt Disney Studios, the character Milo's Mom, voiced by Joan Cusack, is shown in a scene from "Mars Needs Moms."

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lifeless and plastic-looking, "like they used way too much botox or something," said the 41-year-old photographer in the Chicago suburb of River Forest, Ill.

Marc Kelley, a 32-year-old pastor in Allegan, Mich., who went with his two young children, said he found the renditions of characters "all annoying in their own way."

Indeed, when the mother of the main character Milo mentioned the word "zombies" at the start of the movie, it conjures up a feeling that the characters themselves are undead.

Animation experts say the key to success is to be only

authentic enough to tug at our heart strings.

The best example of this was "Avatar," the 2009 blockbuster that made \$2.8 billion in theaters worldwide. The humanoid, but blue-bodied Na'vi were alien enough not to trigger our inner rejection mechanism.

"My own personal opinion is try to stay away from photo-real with a human," said Greg Philyaw, the business development director at Giant Studios, which captured the performance of human actors for their digital re-creation in "Avatar." "Subconsciously you know what you're looking at isn't quite right." □

Ford CEO set to receive Edison Achievement Award

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DETROIT (AP) — The legacies of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison are once again intersecting, 115 years after the legendary American innovators struck up what would become a lifelong friendship.

Alan Mulally, president and CEO of the company Ford founded, the Ford Motor Co., is to receive the Edison Achievement Award at a ceremony in New York on Tuesday.

"I'm really excited about the recognition that Alan Mulally is receiving as a 2011 Edison Achievement Awards recipient."

The Ford Motor Company has an extraordinary history," said Sarah Miller Caldicott, Edison's great-grandniece and chairwoman of the Edison Awards steering committee.

Caldicott said the awards, which honor innovation and date back to 1987, haven't honored the automaker previously.

Ford, the company, also is nominated for a number of awards at Tuesday's ceremony — for its MyFord Touch, MyKey, SYNC AppLink and



In this Jan. 26, 2010 file photo, Ford Motor Co. President and Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally, talks about Ford's progress during the economic recession, at a news conference at the Washington Auto Show in Washington.

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rear inflatable seat belt technologies.

Mulally, who has been Ford's CEO since 2006, said he will accept the award "on behalf of the skilled and motivated Ford team."

"The relationship between Henry Ford and Thomas Edison inspired generations to dream of the possible," he said in a statement. "Through the spirit of innovation and the commitment to continuous improvement, we are delivering on the original and compelling vision of Henry Ford to 'Open the Highways to All

Mankind.'"

Caldicott said it's particularly fitting to reconnect the Ford and Edison names in this way. "Henry Ford was really pivotal in ensuring that America remembered Edison as one of the world's greatest inventors and innovators," she said, noting the automotive pioneer's efforts to reconstruct his friend's Menlo Park, New Jersey, laboratory in Dearborn, Michigan, in the 1920s. To this day, Edison's reconstructed lab still has a home at The Henry Ford historical attraction in the Detroit suburb. □

Court dismisses challenges to FCC Internet rules

JOELLE TESSLER

AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has dismissed two legal challenges to new Federal Communications Commission regulations that prohibit phone and cable companies from interfering with Internet traffic on their broadband networks. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on Monday dismissed lawsuits filed by Verizon Communications Inc. and MetroPCS Communications Inc. on technical grounds. The court said the companies filed their challenges prematurely since the rules have not yet been published in the federal register.

The new "network neutrality" regulations bar broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against Internet content and services, including online calling and Web video services that could compete with their core phone and cable operations. The FCC's three Democrats voted to adopt the regulations late last year over the objection of the agency's two Republican members.

FCC spokesman Rob Kenny defended the new FCC policy, saying it "preserves Internet freedom and openness." Edward McFadden, a Verizon spokesman, said the company plans to refile its appeal as soon as the rules are published in the federal register. MetroPCS had no comment. □



AirTran is No. 1 in airline quality study

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Low-cost carrier AirTran had the best overall performance of the 16 largest U.S. carriers last year in an annual study of airline quality released Monday, knocking the previous leader — Hawaiian Airlines — into second place. Regional air carrier American Eagle ranked last in the study, which is based on Department of Transportation data. Overall, airlines improved their performance last year. They lost fewer bags, bumpings due to overbooking were down and on-time arrivals were up. But travelers were still dissatisfied — complaints to the Transportation Department about airline performance went up a whopping 28 percent in 2010, the study said. A precise cause for the spike in consumer disenchantment is hard to nail down, but it's most likely due to changes in the way airlines are doing business, said Dean Headley, co-author of the report. The number of air travelers is increasing, but there are fewer flights and fewer seats available. So flights are more crowded, and it's tougher to rebook when a flight is canceled. "They are trying to match supply and demand — the number of seats available to the number of people demanding seats — a lot closer so they don't fly empty seats, which is expensive for the airlines," said Headley, an associate professor of marketing at Wichita State University's W. Frank Barton School of Business. That increases the chances that some passengers are go-

ing to be unhappy because mismatches between passengers and seats available usually are managed to the airline's advantage, he said. "Even though airlines are vocal about saying they want to please the customer, when it comes right down to it, they're going to make money first," Headley said. There were 1.22 complaints per 100,000 passengers last year, compared with less than 1 per 100,000 in 2009. The department doesn't keep records on the number of flight cancellations, but the biggest category of complaints was "flight problems," which includes cancellations and delays. Industry officials had predicted that cancellations would increase as a result of new federal rules that bar airlines from keeping passengers waiting in planes longer than three hours without giving them a chance to get off. □

American Airlines flights back on Expedia, Hotwire

NEW YORK — American Airlines and online travel company Expedia on Monday put an end to their three-month old dispute, reaching an agreement that returns the Fort Worth, Texas-based airline's flights to Expedia and Hotwire. American and Bellevue, Wash.-based Expedia Inc. announced the agreement in a joint statement but did not disclose the terms. American, which is owned by AMR Corp., has been trying for months to lower the commissions it pays online travel sites for each ticket booked. In December, it stopped selling tickets through Orbitz as part of the push. A week later, Expedia removed American from its listings in an apparent move of solidarity. The airline and Orbitz have not resolved their

differences and American's tickets are still absent from that site. Experts said that while American might save money by not having to pay the commissions, it could lose passengers to other airlines if people couldn't find its flights. American has not said if it has had any decline in bookings because of the dispute. There could be an indication of that when the airline reports quarterly earnings later this month. About a third of U.S. fliers book their tickets on independent travel sites. Some low-cost airlines, such as Southwest Airlines Co., have managed to fill planes without partnering with travel sites like Expedia or Orbitz because deal-seekers will often check the airlines' websites directly for fares. □



Toyota: N. American plant closures likely in April

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky

(AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. said Monday that it's inevitable that the company will be forced to temporarily shut down all of its North American factories because of parts shortages due to the earthquake that hit Japan. The temporary shutdowns are likely to take place later this month, affecting 25,000 workers, but no layoffs are expected, spokesman Mike Goss said. Just how long the shutdowns last or whether all 13 of Toyota's factories will be affected at the same is unknown and depends on when parts production can restart in Japan, he said.

So far the North American plants have been using parts in their inventory or relying on those that were shipped before the earthquake, Goss noted. But those supplies are running low. "We're going to get to a point this month where that gap in the pipeline starts to show up.



New vehicles damaged by the March 11 tsunami waters sit lined in a Toyota parking lot at Sendai port, Miyagi Prefecture, northeastern Japan, Monday, March 28, 2011.

So we'll have to suspend production for a while," he said. A March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged auto parts plants in Northeastern Japan, causing shortages that idled most of the nation's car production. Japan's

daily auto output has fallen by more than 500,000 vehicles since the disaster, says Scotiabank Senior Economist Carlos Gomes. Some manufacturers are bringing plants back on line, but only at low speeds due to a lack of parts.

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Shortages of parts from Japan are also affecting manufacturers outside the country. Just last week, Ford Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. said that several North American plants would be closed for part of this month, and Chrys-

ler CEO Sergio Marchionne has said his company will see disruptions. Toyota only gets about 15 percent of its parts from Japan for cars and trucks built in North America, "but still you have to have them all to build the vehicles," Goss said. Goss spoke Monday ahead of an appearance in Louisville, Kentucky, by Toyota's head of North American operations. Toyota has about 500 companies supplying parts in North America, but many of them get components from Japan that might not be available, he said. During the shutdowns, workers will focus on training and reviewing operations for ways to improve. They also can take vacation or time off without pay. The shutdowns will affect all Toyota and Lexus models made in North America, he said. Already several large dealership chains are predicting shortages of models from Japanese automakers in the spring and summer. □

Oil settles above \$108 a barrel

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil jumped to a fresh 30-month high, above \$108 a barrel Monday as fighting in Libya and unrest in the Middle East continued to raise doubts about future supplies.

Benchmark crude for May delivery gained 53 cents to settle at \$108.47 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. At one point the contract rose as high as \$108.78 per barrel, the highest price since September 2008.

In London, Brent crude rose \$2.25 to settle at \$120.66 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Energy traders are watching the standoff in Libya, where forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi control most of the western half of the OPEC nation.

Rebels have seized much of the eastern coast. While most of Libya's oil exports have come to a halt, rebels are beginning to ship some oil from areas they control to help finance their uprising. An oil tanker was due Monday at the eastern port of Tobruk, according to Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos. The tanker was expected to load about a million barrels of crude.

Previously Libya shipped about 1.6 million barrels a day or about 2 percent of the world's oil supplies. Most of it went to refineries in Europe.

In Yemen, security forces opened fire on protesters in another violent anti-government skirmish. Yemen doesn't produce much oil, but an extended conflict could disrupt nearby shipping lanes for tankers carrying nearly 4 percent of the world's oil. Analyst and trader Stephen Schork said sagging demand in the U.S. may eventually pull oil prices down from their highs this year, but so far most traders seem to be waiting for the Middle East to cool off.

"We have more than comfortable (oil) sup-



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, gestures, as he speaks with media during his press conference in Tehran, Iran, Monday, April 4, 2011. The president says crude oil prices, now above \$108 a barrel, are low, and will reach \$150 soon. Oil prices jumped to fresh 30-month highs above \$108 a barrel Monday in Asia as signs of a recovering U.S. jobs market bolstered investor optimism that global crude demand will strengthen. Iran is the second largest exporter of crude among the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC and has the world's second largest natural gas reserves.

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plies in the U.S." and high prices could seriously hurt demand, Schork said. "Yet investors keep piling money into the energy market." In other Nymex trading in May contracts, heating oil rose 3.69 cents to settle at \$3.1714 a gallon and gasoline gained 1.75 cents to settle at \$3.1688 a gallon. Natural gas futures lost 7.3 cents to settle at \$4.289 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

Sbarro Inc. filing for bankruptcy protection

MELVILLE, New York (AP) — Pizza and pasta chain Sbarro Inc. said Monday it is filing for bankruptcy reorganization protection as it works to restructure. The restaurant chain has suffered, like many restaurants, since consumers clamped down on spending in the recession.

It's also strapped by debt it took on when private-equity firm MidOcean Partners bought it in 2007. The filing was expected, as reports emerged last week that the Melville, New York, company was considering such action. Sbarro said it has reached a deal with lenders and noteholders on a reorganization plan that will get rid of about \$200 million of its debt, which covers more than half of its total debt.

Sbarro is also seeking approval from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York for a \$35 million bankruptcy financing agreement with certain existing first-lien lenders. The company says that the financing, combined with its existing cash flow from operations, would give it enough liquidity to meet its operating expenses and maintain normal operations. "We believe this plan represents the best opportunity for Sbarro to clear a path for future growth by restructuring its debt in an effective and timely manner," Interim President and CEO Nicholas McGrane said in a statement. Sbarro's financial difficulties have been going on for a while. On March 3, lenders temporarily agreed for a third time not to foreclose on the company's assets

in order to recover \$176.3 million in debt as Sbarro tried to regain its final footing. According to the agreements, which the company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Sbarro had missed interest payments and fallen out of compliance with some debt covenants but disputed a default notice it received. That forbearance agreement expired Friday. For the first nine months of 2010, Sbarro recorded a loss of \$29.3 million and revenue of \$228.7 million, according to a company filing. Sbarro is being advised by Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Rothschild Inc. The company has more than 1,000 locations in more than 40 countries. Sbarro said it would continue to operate as usual during the restructuring process. □



Cups on display at Sbarro restaurant in San Jose, Calif., Monday, April 4, 2011. Pizza and pasta chain Sbarro Inc. said Monday it is filing for bankruptcy reorganization protection as it works to restructure.

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Sheen receives cheers, not boos in second stop

By CARYN ROUSSEAU
Associated Press

CHICAGO — This time, Charlie Sheen's stage show began and ended with a standing ovation. Sheen changed up the format for his 20-city road show after bombing in Detroit, using a master of ceremonies who asked the former "Two and a Half Men" star questions during Sunday night's performance in Chicago. Sheen ditched the rapper, the long monologue and the videos that were part of the Detroit show that had people leaving in droves Saturday night. The changes seem to have helped. Audience members said the second performance on Sheen's "My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is not an Option" tour wasn't stellar, but it at least had some amusing moments. And the crowd at the 3,600-seat Chicago Theatre stayed for the entire performance and continued to cheer Sheen throughout. Mackenzie Barth, 19, said the sold-out show was "weird," but that "at least no one was booing," referring to the reaction Sheen received in Detroit, where audience members chanted "refund" and headed for the exits even before the show abruptly ended. Those attending the Chicago performance acknowledged they had low expectations going in after hearing the brutal reviews of the inaugural performance, which had started with thunderous applause. "We figured we'd try it out and see what happens, and if it's bad, we'll leave," said Katie Iglehart, 23, of Chicago, who was attending the show with a friend. But the talk show-style format kept Sheen from meandering and gave him the chance to make some of the snarky comments that have made him an Internet star since his falling out with CBS and the producers of "Two and a Half Men." Sheen, 45, smoked cigarettes as he talked about his marriages, his career and his life with the women he calls his "goddesses" a former porn star and an actress who live



Charlie Sheen waves to fans as he leaves the Chicago Theatre in Chicago. Promising 'the real story,' the 45-year-old former 'Two and a Half Men' star continued his month-long, 20-city variety show tour, with Sunday's sold-out show in Chicago.

with him as he answered question from an interviewer who did not identify himself. Asked how many times he had been married, Sheen retorted, "Seven-thousand. That's why I'm broke." Asked why he's "paid for sex" in the past, Sheen responded, "Because I had millions to blow. I ran out of things to buy." Overall, he seemed to have a better rapport with the Chicago crowd. As the show began, some began chanting "Detroit sucks." Early on, Sheen urged the audience in an obscenity-laced statement "not to become (expletive) Detroit tonight. Let's show Detroit how it's (expletive) done." Later, when the interviewer asked Sheen when he had started "winning," the actor responded, "The winning started in (expletive) Chicago." Ellen Olson, who was wearing a black T-shirt with Sheen's catchphrase "Winning!" in white across the front, said she enjoyed the performance. "I think he interacted with the audience a lot, which made it more funny," said Olson, 55, of Elmwood Park. Sheen has made headlines in recent years as much for his drug use, failed marriages, custody disputes and run-ins with the police, as for his acting. Martin Sheen has compared his son's struggle with addiction to a cancer patient's struggle for survival. □

Can Couric successor lift ratings?

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Katie Couric's successor as "CBS Evening News" anchor faces an extraordinarily difficult job in lifting the network out of the ratings cellar. Couric will be leaving her post after nearly five years, with her contract expiring on June 4, according to a network executive who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Couric has not officially announced her plans. The 54-year-old anchor is expected to launch a syndicated talk show in 2012. She took over a broadcast that had spent many years in third place behind NBC and ABC in the ratings, and leaves it in third place. The competitive danger for CBS is that the evening news becomes what the morning news has been for half a century: the third choice of viewers no matter what network chiefs try. New CBS News Chairman Jeff Fager will choose Couric's successor, and will look

both inside and outside the company. Many people at CBS News believe that Scott Pelley of "60 Minutes" is the lead contender. For the first three months of 2011, Couric's telecast was seen each night by an average of 6.4 million viewers, the Nielsen Co. said. That's roughly two-thirds of the typical audience (9.8 million) for Brian Williams and NBC's "Nightly News." ABC's "World News" with Diane Sawyer averaged 8.7 million viewers. It is believed to be the smallest quarterly audience ever for the CBS evening newscast (comparable records have only been kept since the early 1990s), Nielsen said. That's a huge gap to overcome for a format in which the audience is steadily shrinking and tends to be older than for most shows. Ratings changes among evening newscasts usually move at glacial speed as a result, and NBC's Williams is at his most dominant now. News consultant Andrew Tyndall, who tracks the con-



In this July 16, 2006 file photo, Katie Couric, CBS News anchor and correspondent, answers questions about her upcoming season anchoring 'CBS Evening News with Katie Couric' during a news conference in Pasadena, Calif.

tent of the evening newscasts, said he sees "no real way at all" for CBS to escape the basement anytime soon. CBS is harmed by poor ratings for local newscasts at many affiliates and CBS-owned stations, offering poor lead-ins to network newscasts, Tyndall said. □

Rogers to don Captain America suit again

By MATT MOORE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The original Cap is coming back. Marvel Comics said Monday that Steve Rogers, the young man who tried but failed to join the Army during World War II only to take a super-soldier serum that turned him into the agile, strong and daring Captain America, will return to the role in "Captain America" No. 1 in July. Nearly four years ago, Rogers abandoned the costume, and the job, after he was gunned down on the steps of a courthouse and thought dead. Since then, his former sidekick, Bucky, has been sporting the shield and a sidearm, too. But with a new film this summer from Marvel Studios "Captain America: The First Avenger" — it's unthinkable to have someone else wearing the costume and throwing the shield other than Rogers. Marvel is keeping mum about the new series' story but said it is being written by Ed Brubaker, who has been guiding



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the character for years, drawing critical acclaim for the gritty realism of the character. Rogers himself returned to the Marvel Universe in 2009 and, not surprisingly, wasn't dead, but lost in time. Still, Rogers operated on the side-

lines while Bucky continued to serve as Captain America. "I've really missed Steve in the role, since he hasn't been Cap for about 50 issues now," Brubaker told The Associated Press. "So I have big plans to really explore his character and history and bring in new villains." Part of that will include meeting the challenge of keeping the character fresh and poignant for longtime fans and readers, and also making him accessible to new readers who may pick up the comic book for the first time after seeing the film. "That was my challenge for the first issue, to make this the perfect Cap comic for anyone walking out of that movie and wanting to know 'what's next?' and also to cater to my long-term Cap readers, too," he said "So I tried to come up with a story that was new and crazy and explosive, but that also ties richly into Steve Roger's history, so the book feels like a natural extension of what I've been doing all along." □

Warm, sassy diva in 'One Night with Fanny Brice'



In this undated publicity image released by David Gersten & Associates, Kimberly Faye Greenberg is shown in the starring role in the new musical, "One Night With Fanny Brice," performing off-Broadway at St. Luke's Theatre in New York.

By JENNIFER FARRAR
Associated Press

NEW YORK — To portray the life of legendary musical theater performer Fanny Brice on stage requires confidence and nerve, as well as talent. Not to worry Kimberly Faye Greenberg is up to the task. She's sassy, lively and animated in the solo show, "One Night With Fanny Brice," a charming new musical which

opened Sunday night off-Broadway at St. Luke's Theatre.

Written, directed and arranged by Chip Deffaa, the solo show chronologically covers Brice's immigrant childhood and long career in show business, and her tumultuous love life with faithless con artist Nick Arnstein.

Brice, a popular comedienne and singer for decades during the first half of the 20th century, is probably best-known to modern audiences through Barbra Streisand's iconic portrayal in the popular 1964 Broadway musical "Funny Girl" and the 1968 film of the same name, for which Streisand won an Academy Award. Greenberg is close in appearance to Brice, with a similarly warm stage presence, mobile face, natural comedic talent and expressive way of singing. She artfully creates her own persona of Brice, a more down-to-earth, realistic depiction of a woman who was a determined, insecure, but irrepressible and unstoppable force of nature.

In her trip from burlesque to vaudeville to Broadway and international stages, Brice

created a lot of her own characters, whom Greenberg also portrays with flair, including the beloved radio personality known as Baby Snooks.

Deffaa's script has Brice lovingly, and often wryly, discuss her family and childhood, sketching portraits of her gambling charmer of a father and her hardworking, no-nonsense mother, including brief imitations of them. She recalls milestones of her career, from joyfully collecting change thrown onstage during her first performances to her many successful years as a headlining performer. Greenberg also nicely impersonates some of the important people in Brice's life, from famed impresario Florenz Ziegfeld to Arnstein to celebrities like her friends Gypsy Rose Lee and W.C. Fields.

Some 40 songs are partially or fully sung, interspersed with colorful stories of Brice's rise to fame. Greenberg has a richly colored voice, well-suited to her comedic numbers, like the double helping of Roses, "Rose of Washington Square" and "Second Hand Rose." She's equally affecting on serious ballads, such as "My Man," which Deffaa has intercut with the story of Brice's unfortunate relationship with Arnstein, and a dramatic, "After You've Gone." □

Show's potions and props bring Harry Potter to life



Harry Potter 7 cast members

By Patricia Reaney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stroll into Hogwarts, visit the Gryffindor common room and see Harry Potter's bed in the dormitory he shared with Ron Weasley in a new exhibition at Discovery Times Square.

The hundreds of artifacts, dozens of costumes, props and furniture from the film franchise used in "Harry Potter, The Exhibition" will transport

fans of the boy wizard to the world where Harry, Hermione and Ron battle the evil Lord Voldemort.

Stretch out in Hagrid's oversized easy chair in the hut he shares with his dog Fang before creeping into the Forbidden Forest inhabited by unicorns, centaurs and Thestrals. Sit beneath the floating candles of the Great Hall, where the sorting ceremony, feasts and Yule Balls are held. □

Tentative deal could end Detroit symphony strike



Detroit Symphony Orchestra member Karl Pituch plays his French horn as he serenades fellow members walking a picket line outside the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit, in this Oct. 4, 2010 file photo. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra said that a tentative agreement has been reached with striking musicians that could resolve a six-month strike.

Associated Press

DETROIT — On the six month anniversary of the walkout by Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, management and union bargainers said Monday that they have reached tentative agreement to end the long strike. The deal, which was reached after a weekend of lengthy talks, is subject to a ratification vote this week, said musicians' spokesman Greg Bowens. If approved, he said Detroit Federation of Musicians union members with the nationally acclaimed

but financially struggling orchestra could be back at work by this weekend.

Bowens and orchestra spokeswoman Elizabeth Weigandt said details of the terms weren't being immediately released. Rehearsals are to resume Thursday in advance of concerts this weekend.

"As we return to our home, I'm confident that the artistic product will continue at the highest possible level," symphony Musical Director Leonard Slatkin said in a statement. □

To free Ai Weiwei Britain, Germany urge China

LONDON — Britain and Germany called on Monday for the release of Chinese artist Ai Weiwei, a prominent critic of the ruling Communist Party who was detained by police as he was about to board a plane to Hong Kong.

"I call on the Chinese government to urgently clarify Ai's situation and wellbeing, and hope he will be released immediately," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said in a statement.

Hague added that human rights applied under the rule of law were "essential prerequisites" to China's long-term prosperity and stability. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said he had learned of Ai's detention "with great concern" and urged China to free him at



Chinese artist Ai Weiwei throws porcelain sunflower seeds into the air as he poses with his installation "Sunflower Seeds", in the Turbine Hall at the Tate Modern gallery, in London in this October 11, 2010

once and provide an explanation of the incident.

The Tate Modern gallery in London, where Ai's huge installation "Sunflower Seeds" made up of 100 million replica porcelain seeds is on display in the cavernous Turbine Hall,

also said it was concerned about his disappearance. "We are dismayed by developments that again threaten Weiwei's right to speak freely as an artist and hope that he will be released immediately," a spokesman said. □

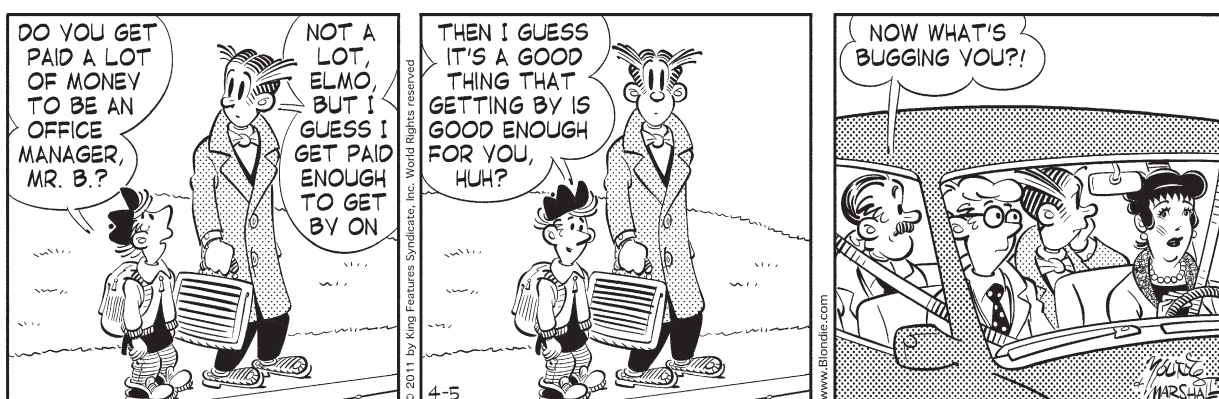
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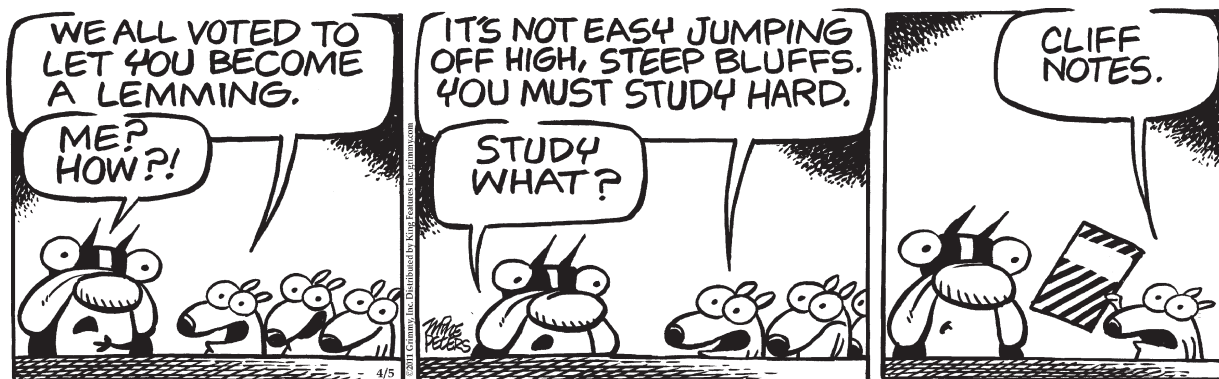
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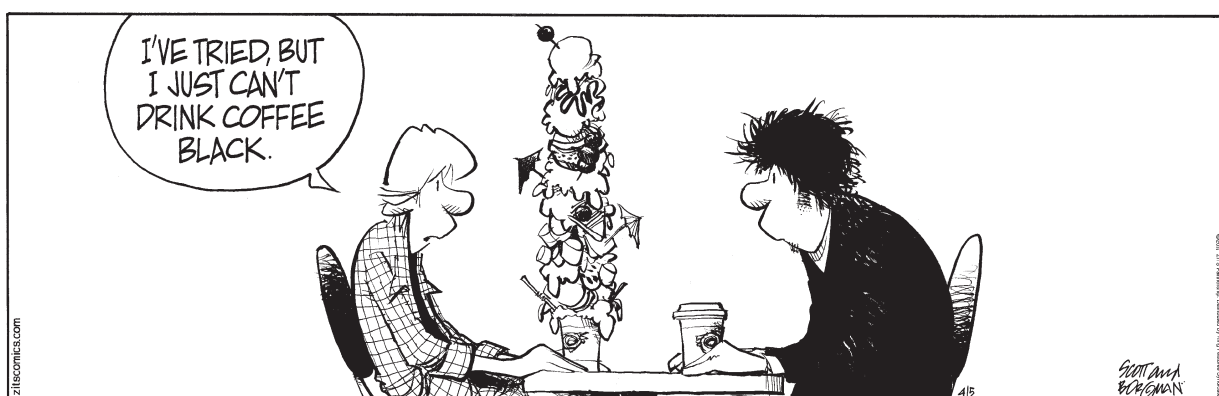
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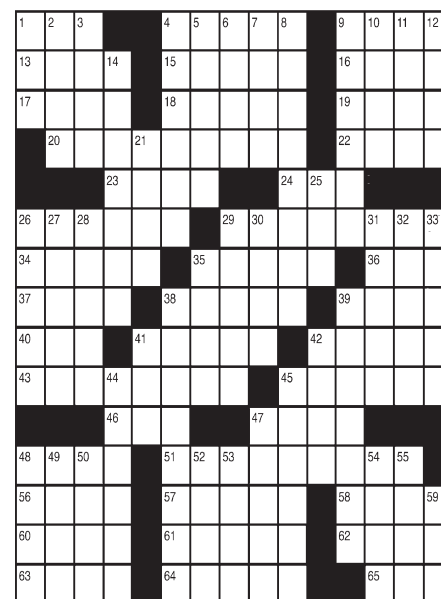
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ACROSS

- Michelle, to Malia & Sasha
- Receded
- One of the Three Bears
- Blue-pencil
- Without companions
- Rotten to the core
- Musical sound
- Transmits
- Small brook
- In ___; all prepared
- In a lazy way
- Opposite of hot
- Sense of self-esteem
- ___ unlikely; not apt to happen
- Example; ideal
- Bay or cove
- Truths
- Luau garland
- Precious
- Michelin products
- Fibs
- Go astray
- Eats nothing
- Discontinue
- Sneaky
- Longshoreman, often
- Groove
- No longer living
- Invisible emanation
- Enrolling oneself
- Door handle
- Public uprisings
- Well-organized
- TV's "American ___"
- Thrill
- Strong wind
- Jot down
- Evil spirit
- Raced

DOWN

- Encountered
- Stench
- Belonging to yours truly
- Without difficulty
- Merge
- Fibula or rib
- Rear-___; crashes into the back of
- Dinner courses
- Sentence ender
- Enthusiastic
- Capsule
- Supporter
- Instructor
- Blockhead
- Helium or oxygen
- Conceals
- Still; lifeless
- Angry stare
- Bash
- Highest cards
- Homer classic
- Honking birds
- Tightwad
- Trout or turbot
- In rags
- ___ the way; pioneering



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- ___ shot; annual injection, for many
- Outer garment
- Like land fit for growing crops
- Reduce
- "Same for me!"
- Related
- Unfasten
- Underground plant part
- Longest river
- Rich soil
- Not far away
- Big celebration
- Smallest two-digit number

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Is nuclear energy worth the risk?



A German anti-nuclear protester makes his position clear. But can the world do without nuclear power?

Debate on the future of nuclear energy takes place later this month. Here Malcolm Grimston of Chatham House and Kumi Naidoo of Greenpeace express their opinions on the nuclear energy issue. Add you voice to the debate by leaving a comment or question we can use in the show.

The more things change, the more they stay the same...

Explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, leaks of radioactive materials into the land and sea, heroic workers braving significant doses of radiation, material detected overseas -- though not in the same league as Chernobyl this is certainly a serious nuclear accident.

EEUU no objeta extradición de Noriega a Panamá

PANAMA (AP) - El gobierno panameño ha sido informado por Washington que Estados Unidos no tiene “ninguna objeción” de que Francia acepte extraditar a Panamá al ex general Manuel Noriega, informó el lunes el canciller Juan Carlos Varela.

No fue posible conseguir de inmediato una reacción de las embajadas de Estados Unidos y Francia sobre el tema.

El canciller Varela aseguró a la prensa que tiene informes de que Francia consultó a Estados Unidos ante las solicitudes

de extradición formuladas por Panamá de Noriega, que en una cárcel de París cumple una condena de siete años por lavado de dinero.

Estados Unidos extraditó a Noriega a Francia a fines de abril del 2010 para que enfrentara la justicia de ese país, luego de que el ex hombre fuerte purgara dos décadas en una prisión norteamericana una condena por narcotráfico. En julio, las autoridades francesas lo condenaron a siete años por lavado de dinero.

Aún cuando Noriega está

fuera de la jurisdicción estadounidense, Francia y Estados Unidos realizan consultas sobre la suerte del ex gobernante panameño.

“Ante la consulta de Francia al gobierno de Estados Unidos si la extradición a Panamá era viable, el Departamento de Justicia contestó en firme que no tiene ninguna objeción”, indicó Varela, canciller y vicepresidente del país.

Aclaró que por el lado de Francia no maneja si esa comunicación se hizo y “si la van a notificar al gobierno pa-

nameño”.

Una de las hijas del ex general, Sandra Noriega, dijo el domingo que la extradición de su padre dependía del visto bueno del gobierno estadounidense, al considerar que ya la parte legal --aludiendo a los trámites de extradición-- estaba hecha.

Anunció que viajará la semana próxima para reunirse con los abogados de su padre en Francia.

El gobierno del presidente Ricardo Martinelli, a petición del Organismo Judicial, ha enviado

tres peticiones a Francia para conseguir la extradición de Noriega, a fin de que enfrente dos condenas por homicidio y responda en un juicio por el presunto crimen de un opositor al pasado régimen militar. Este proceso está programado para el 29 de julio.

Francia no ha contestado de momento a ninguna de las tres solicitudes.

El ex hombre fuerte, quien dice tener 76 años, fue expulsado del poder en Panamá por la invasión de Estados Unidos, el 20 de diciembre de 1989. □

Cancilleres analizan visita a México de presidente colombiano

MEXICO (AP) - Las cancilleres María Angela Holguín, de Colombia, y Patricia Espinosa, de México, se reunieron el lunes en esta capital para analizar los preparativos de una visita a México del presidente colombiano Juan Manuel Santos prevista para agosto, en fecha por determinar.

Ambas funcionarias informaron de su reunión en una declaración conjunta sobre el proyectado viaje de Santos por invitación de su colega Felipe Calderón.

Espinosa se refirió además a la cooperación con Colombia en la lucha contra la delincuencia organizada. “Hemos agradecido el apoyo...(que) las instituciones del gobierno de Colombia han dado a México...(para) dar a conocer sus experiencias y para participar en la capacitación de algunos

elementos del ejército y la armada de México en la lucha contra el narcotráfico, porque ustedes saben que este es un tema prioritario del presidente Calderón”, dijo la canciller. Espinosa también se refirió al caso de una ciudadana francesa, condenada en México a 60 años de cárcel por secuestro, y aseguró que a pesar de ese impasse la relación con París “sigue avanzando”.

“Sobre el tema de la relación con Francia, bueno ahí la cancillería del gobierno mexicano ha sido muy clara que esta ciudadana francesa...ha sido juzgada en México de acuerdo a lo que establecen las leyes de los tribunales, ella ha gozado de todos los beneficios”, dijo Espinosa.

“Lamentablemente (la decisión sobre la francesa) llegó para suspensión de las activi-

dades que estaban previstas en el marco del año de México en Francia. Independientemente de todo esto, pues la relación bilateral sigue avanzando”, aseguró.

En febrero pasado, México anunció que no participaría en el festival francés que este año celebra la cultura mexicana debido a una desavenencia derivada del encarcelamiento de la francesa Florence Cassez, condenada por secuestro.

París ha buscado que Cassez pague su condena en Francia. Cassez, quien fue arrestada a fines de 2005, ha reconocido que vivía en una hacienda donde se mantenían a las víctimas de secuestros. Pero dijo que estaba de novia con un mexicano arrestado en el caso y que no sabía que las personas en el lugar eran secuestrados. □

Humala no puede cantar victoria en Perú



LIMA - El izquierdista Ollanta Humala, quien ha moderado su discurso radical contra el libre mercado, repetirá el 10 de abril su triunfo en primera vuelta electoral de hace cinco años, pero tendría que remar duro para ganar la presidencia en un balotaje previsto contra su eventual rival. Según encuestas, tres candidatos se disputan la posibilidad de quedar en segundo lugar en los comicios del domingo para tener la oportunidad de enfrentar a Humala. El ex presidente Alejandro Toledo, la legisla-

dora Keiko Fujimori y el ex ministro de Economía Pedro Pablo Kuczynski tienen una diferencia de hasta tres puntos porcentuales en los sondeos y cualquiera de ellos podría ser el otro finalista.

En esta foto aparecen los candidatos presidenciales, de izquierda a derecha, Alejandro Toledo, Keiko Fujimori y Ollanta Humala, antes de un debate presidencial transmitido por la televisión en Lima, Perú, el sábado 3 de abril, 2011. (AP Photo/Martin Mejia). □

Activista colombiano acusado en caso de asesinato

COLOMBIA - Un activista de derechos humanos fue acusado por la Fiscalía como presunto coautor del asesinato hace 20 años de un funcionario público, en un caso que organizaciones de derechos humanos aseguran que es “un montaje”, se informó el lunes.

David Ravelo Crespo, de la no gubernamental Corporación Regional para la Defensa de los Derechos Hu-

manos (Credhos), fue llamado a juicio por la fiscal Paulina Morales en relación con el asesinato de David Núñez Cala el 5 de abril de 1991.

La víctima era secretario de Obras Públicas del puerto de Barrancabermeja, en el departamento de Santander, a 265 kilómetros al noreste de Bogotá.

Según la acusación de la Fiscalía, copia de la cual fue conseguida por la AP,

el activista Ravelo Crespo aparece vinculado en los hechos por el testimonio del ex jefe paramilitar Mario Jaimes, alias “El Panadero”.

Jaimes relató que para abril de 1991 integraba las rebeldes Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC, y que en esa fecha se reunió con un grupo de hombres que decidieron el asesinato de Núñez por considerarlo cercano a los paramilitares. □

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